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NSL cash will come from Philips

Philips Industries will sponsor the new National Soccer League.

Philips will give the league $150,000 a year for three years, mainly to pay for the air fares of the 14 competing teams.

The competition will be named after Philips. It will probably be called the Philips National League championship.

An official announcement about Philips' sponsorship and the 0-10 Network's plans to televise National League matches will be made on October 14.

A Philips Industries spokesman in Sydney said: "I cannot comment at all on the matter.

"Only the president of the Australian Soccer Federation, Sir Arthur George, can make an announcement and he will not make one at this stage."

By offering the League $150,000 a year, Philips outbid Rothmans which had offered $100,000.

It is believed the ASF tried to persuade Rothmans to match Philips' offer but failed.

Philips is part of the consortium of companies sponsoring the national team in its bid to reach the 1978 World Cup finals.

In Holland, the company sponsors PSV Eindhoven.

The 14 clubs which will compete in the National League, scheduled to start next March, are South Melbourne Hellas, Fitzroy Alexander, Footscray J.U.S.T. and Mooroolbark United of Melbourne; St George, Hakoah, Western Suburbs, Marconi and Sydney-Olympic (Pan Hellenic) of Sydney; Juventus and Hellas of Adelaide; Lions and Brisbane City of Brisbane, and a new, as yet unnamed club, from Canberra.

Allison is top junior

Colin Allison (pictured) of the Melbourne club has won the Weinstein Medal as the 1976 Victorian Junior Player of the Year.

The award carries an annual scholarship of $100.

Allison has played in every Victorian State team from under 10 to under 16.

He has played 34 State games — 21 as captain and seven as vice-captain.

The Weinstein Medal will be presented to him before the State League Cup final at Olympic Park on October 31.

FIGHT LOOMS OVER NAMES

We won't give up our names! That's the message coming through loud and clear from clubs opposing the plan to abolish ethnic names in the National League.

An unofficial meeting of Hakoah members and supporters in Sydney last week was adamant that their club should play under the name Hakoah next year.

South Melbourne Hellas president Sam Papasavas said this week his club would not change its name either.

Marconi Fairfield appears to have already won its fight to keep its name and Fitzroy Alexander is believed also to favor the retention of existing names.

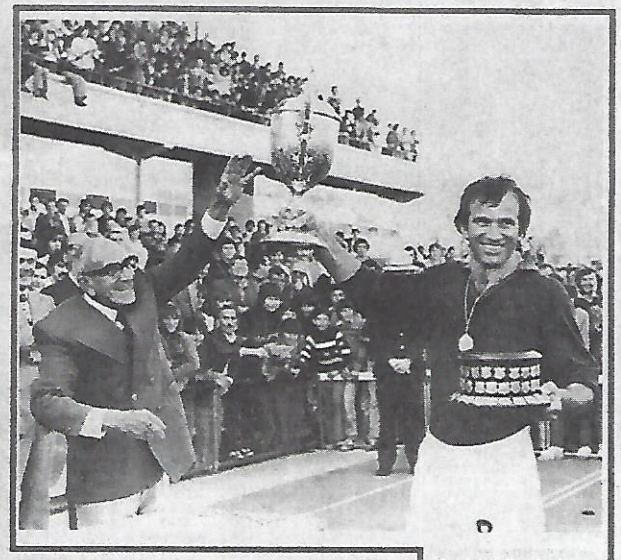
Juventus and Hellas of Adelaide have said they would adopt district names, but even they may change their minds when they see the others are hostile to change.

Mr Papasavas said: "If we change our names we'll be doing so only for the sake of a couple of newspaper reporters.

"Everyone else will still call us Hellas. Our supporters won't know us by any other name.

"Why should we take the risk of alienating them? They take pride in the name."

Hakoah supporters in Sydney feel the same sense of pride in their name, as do supporters of the other clubs.



Captain Frank Micic holds up the Dockerty Cup in triumph after Footscray J.U.S.T. had beaten Polonia 2-0 in the final at Olympic Park on Sunday. VSF vice-president Mr Tommy Burns has just handed the cup to Micic. At far left is VSF chairman John Barclay. Laurie Schwab's match report is on page 5.

Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

Free tickets

Here's your chance to get free tickets to the soccer movie of the year!

The film is called "Stubby" and we're running a competition in which you can win tickets to see it.

All you have to do is answer a simple question and we'll send you a free double ticket.

All the details are on page seven of this issue.

16 compete in indoor series

A five-a-side tournament contested by 11 State League clubs and five from the First Division will be run at Festival Hall this month.

The tournament is a joint promotion between the Victorian Soccer Federation and Stadiums Ltd.

The only State League club not competing is Footscray J.U.S.T. which does not want to jeopardize its chances of winning the State League Cup.

Matches will be played on Thursdays, October 14, 21 and 28 and November 4.

Kick-off is at 8pm and games will be five minutes each half.

The semi-finals and final will last 10 minutes each half.

Rules of the series include that the ball must be kept below head height and that only the defending goalkeeper is allowed inside the goal area.

If scores are level at full time, penalty kicks are taken alternately by each side until oneteam has established a lead after each has taken an equal number of penalties.

The draw for the tournament, based on the 1976 league standings, is:

Section 'A': South Melbourne Hellas, Sunshine City, Juventus, Altona City.

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Polish clubs queue up to play here

By STEPHEN KALUS

Jan Tomaszewski of LKS

Four top Polish teams are hoping to tour Australia at the beginning of next season.

They are RTS. Widzew (Lodz), Wisla (Krakow), KS Ruch (Chorzow) and LKS (Lodz).

Widzew offered to tour Australia in a letter addressed to the secretary of the ASF, but sent to the VSF.

The club's president, **Mr. Ludwik Sobolewski** said in a Polish paper recently he was disappointed that he had not yet had a reply.

Wislaw, one of the oldest soccer clubs in Poland, has also contacted the Australian authorities.

Ruch, in a letter to me, says it wants to play five games here in January-February, at very reasonable terms.

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Greg Green (left) with 1974 Socceroos, from left: Jack Reilly, Jimmy Milisavljevic, Jimmy Mackay, Peter Ollerton, Branko Buljevic and team manager John Barclay.

Surprise for Greg Green

The 1974 Socceroos had a surprise waiting for Greg Green when he came to Melbourne last Sunday.

Greg, 18, was at Olympic Park to present commemorative copper wall plaques to six members of the 1974 World Cup party.

He spent about 18 months and $200 making the plaques for the Socceroos as mementos of their World Cup experience.

Greg had earlier presented his plaques to the Socceroos who live in Sydney. He came to Melbourne to make presentations to **Branko Buljevic, Jack Reilly, Jimmy Milisavljevic, Peter Ollerton, Jimmy Mackay** and 1974 team manager **John Barclay.**

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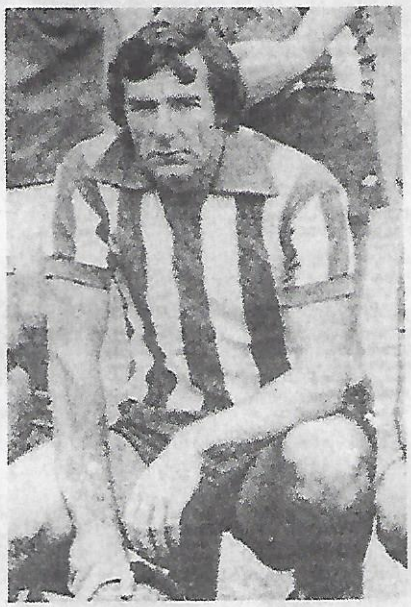
Stowell bows out with Rothmans Medal

Sydney soccer's gala night of the year, the 1976 Rothman's presentation dinner at the Chevron Hotel, resulted in a popular and convincing win for 35-year-old Pan Hellenic skipper Bruce Stowell.

By JOHNNY WARREN

Stowell, who earlier this month won the "Soccer Action"-JAT Player of the Year award, scored a record number of 32 votes to beat St George's World Cup defender **Doug Utjesenovic** (26 votes) and Wollongong City forward **Phil O'Connor** (25 votes).



Sydney's Rothmans Medallist, Bruce Stowell.

Stowell played 16 seasons in the English League with Leeds United and Bradford City before joining Pan Hellenic three years ago.

He retired at the end of 1975 but was persuaded to play another season.

His win was universally accepted (he was 6/4-on in the betting) by players and coaches, not only because he deserved it but also because it was a fitting climax to a long career for the likeable Yorkshireman.

Stowell was naturally elated with his win and full of praise for his team mates, coach **Raoul Blanco** and all at Pan Hellenic.

"This is as good a note as any to go out on," Stowell said after receiving the award.

"It would be foolish of me to go on after this. Anything else would be an anti climax."

The contest always looked to be a three-way affair as the progressive votes were counted.

Stowell, Utjesenovic and O'Connor were the three favorites before the counting started and that's the way it turned out.

Only a point separated this trio with four matches to go and as it turned out, Stowell sprinted away from Utjesenovic and O'Connor to win easily.

Whilst full marks go to Stowell, one felt a twinge of sympathy for Saints' Doug Utjesenovic who has had such a marvellous season at club and national level.

His star-studded club also made it a little tougher to win points consistently.

The 1976 awards were unique in that the contest ended predictably for the first time.

Full marks to Rothmans for a splendid evening.

One always leaves these occasions with the thought that the soccer world would be a better place with more regular functions for the various people involved in our game.

I'm sure players, coaches, administrators, press and referees would agree.

Voting:
32 Stowell (PH).
26 Utjesenovic (St.G).
25 O'Connor (Woll).
20 Bell (PH).
19 Abonyi (St.G), Sullivan (Croatia).
18 Perry (West).
16 Degney (Marc), Rooney (APIA).
15 Stone (West).
14 Butler (APIA), Hoszowski (Aub), Tinney (Woll).
13 Barnes (Hak), Gnavi (PH), Mullen (Hak), Rogers (APIA), Watkiss (Suth).
12 Pointer (Manly), Watson (Gran).
11 Byrne (Marc).
10 Gaffney (Woll), Gray (Gran), Prskalo (Marc).
9 Doyle (APIA), Quested (Aub), Stoddard (St.G).
8 Bourke (Croatia), Micevski (Marc), I. Stone (Croatia).
7 Davies (Croatia), Fairclough (Aub), Hucker (Marc), J. O'Shea (St.G), Richards (Marc), D. Smith (Suth), Stevenson (Hak), Wilson (West).
6 Campbell (Marc), Gibson (Aub), Gosling (Manly), Griffiths (Suth), Hadley (Croatia), Hammer (Suth).
5 Bennett (APIA), Clark (Hak), Frazer (Gran), Geoghan (Manly), Juchniewicz (Aub), McDonald (Suth), Mullen (Croatia), Palmer (PH), Selfridge (Gran), Whalley (Croatia).
4 Airken (St.G), Cornett (Aub), Dobson (Aub), Haynes (Suth), McGinn (APIA), O'Maye (Gran), Smith (Hak), Thamnidis (PH), Williams (St.G), Wykes (Suth).
3 Barton (Gran), Bigland (Gran), Campbell (Woll), Coe (St.G), Cole (Manly), Dale (Suth), Davis (Woll), C. Eaton (West), Farley (Hak), Grosse (St.G), Jones (Aub), Kovacic (Croatia), Maher (Marc), Meir (PH), Morgan (St.G), McQuire (APIA), B. Northcote (Gran), S. P'Connor (Hak), Parker (Aub), Turnbull (West), Walker (Suth).
2 Bingham (Woll), Darville (Croatia), Dod (West), Fabrianisi (Woll), Frazer (APIA), R. Griffiths (Suth), Hamilton (St.G), Harding (West), Harris (St.G), Henderson (Manly), Herron (Suth), Honeyman (Hak), Hutchison (Manly), Jankovic (St.G), Jenkins (APIA), Karakoatsa (PH), Keddie (Marc), Lindsay (West), Malam (Manly), McCormack (APIA), R. O'Shea (St.G), Pollard (Croatia), Prigg (Aub), J. Russell (APIA), Sharne (Marc), Wignall (Croatia), Wilson (APIA).
1 Ainslie (West), Blackburn (Croatia), Borwick (Gran), Corry (Manly), T. Eaton (West), Hesford (Suth), Hulston (West), Lavin (Suth), Lynch (Hak), Morrow (West), McGlynn (Aub), Patterson (Gran), Perkins (Woll), Roozendaal (Manly), Russell (Croatia), Sammuels (West).

Mackay shows Saints how it's done

By LAURIE SCHWAB

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2 (Hagegmanouil 27th. Kalafatidis 88th), ST GEORGE BUDAPEST 1 (Abonyi 55th).

Teams with player ratings out of 10:

HELLAS: Kennedy 6, Kalafatidis 7, Xanthopoulos 9, Walker 7, Hagegmanouil 7, Daperis 7, Andrews 6, Mackay 9, Bourne 6, Cummings 7, Armstrong 6.

ST GEORGE: Coe 6, Utjesenovic 7, O'Shea 6, Grosse 6, Williams 6, Harris 6, Echeverria 6, Mendez 6, Aitken 6, Morgan 6, Abonyi 6.

By beating Sydney giant St George, South Melbourne Hellas not only proved itself the greatest team in Australia, but also cast doubt about whether South Americans will be suitable for the National League next year.

In **Jimmy Mackay,** Hellas had a player who collects the ball and delivers it perfectly all in one action — even if his target is 30 metres away.

In contrast, Argentinian **Roberto Echeverria** holds the ball too long and plays square instead of forward. His countryman **Mendez** is a little more direct but neither of them is half as effective as Mackay.

Of course you can't advocate mass recruitment of Jimmy Mackays. To get players like that you'd have to fork out a fortune.

But any club pursuing the South Americans on offer through the National League office must choose wisely.

Hellas exploded the myth that Melbourne's best is inferior to Sydney's best.

The Victorians dominated the first half and may have scored more than one goal had Peter Ollerton been playing. Ollerton loves big games like this.

Because of his absence, Hellas used only two strikers — **Duncan Cummings** and **Jim Armstrong** — and brought **John Daperis** into the team as a defensive midfielder.

Cummings had some brilliant moments, keeping **John O'Shea** and **Brendan Grosse** on their toes with his non-stop running, looking for open space.

Daperis was a big success too — a good destroyer and ball winner.

But the only player who stood as tall as Mackay did was his team mate Arthur Xanthopoulos who had a hell of a game in defence.

Playing with his usual poise and authority, Xanthopoulos saved Hellas by clearing a shot by **Attila Abonyi** off the line.

Xanthopoulos' partner **Steve Walker** also had a steady game after a shaky start. Walker opposed **Neville Morgan**, who is a head taller, yet he still won most of the aerial duels.

Both Hellas full backs, **Chris Kalafatidis** and **Margaritis Hagegmanouil**, were in top form, capping their fine efforts with a goal each.

St George's most dangerous weapon was right back Doug Utjesenovic.

His head-high crosses were always dangerous. These crosses and lobs were responsible for about 25 of St George's goals in the league this year.

As a spectacle, this match was probably the best seen at Olympic Park all year.

Let's hope all National League games are like this. It's what the crowds want to see.

Hellas had drawn 1-1 with St George in their first leg match in Sydney, and so it won the tie 3-2 on aggregate.

The match came about when Hellas president **Sam Papasavas** challenged St George in a bid to prove Hellas the best team in Australia.

The match started with Utjesenovic sending a perfect ball to the head of **Neville Morgan** who towered over goalkeeper **John Kennedy,** but headed too high.

Brendan Grosse, was in a good position to head **Fred Aitken's** cross a few moments later but again it was off target.

Grosse, a roaming centre back, with a long throw, had dropped back quickly after a great run by Cummings and was on the spot to head clear **Jim Armstrong's** shot from close range.

Then Mackay set up the move that resulted in Hellas' first goal.

He got the ball at half line, pushed it wide to Kalafatidis and sped 30 metres to the corner, calling for a return ball.

From there, Mackay crossed the ball to Cummings who had shaken off O'Shea.

Cummings was only about eight metres from goalkeeper **Martin Coe** when he hit the ball with his head, and from that short distance, Coe could only deflect the ball.

Hagegmanouil had run forward down the left flank and got into the goal area as the ball came into the open off Coe. He had no trouble tapping it over the line for a goal.

Then Armstrong stole the limelight.

He was unlucky with a shot after a Cummings pass, and then he used dazzling footwork to beat O'Shea and send the ball square across goal.

At least 10 boots missed that ball — defenders and forwards alike, but it was a perfect scoring opportunity.

St George equalised 10 minutes after half time.

Kennedy could not hold a hard shot by Morgan and Abonyi pounced on the loose ball, making the score 1-1.

In the 62nd minute Morgan gave a short, square ball to Abonyi who faced an open goal, with Kennedy at the other side of the box where the action had just been.

With no one near him, Abonyi tried to side-foot the ball casually over the line.

But Xanthopoulos appeared from out of nowhere, sliding desperately onto the ball and getting his foot to it right on the line.

Abonyi hit the post in the 79th minute, and the game was getting rough.

Some spiteful play behind the scenes was stopped when referee Colin Tugfield sent Jim Armstrong and George Harris off the field with 10 minutes to go.

In the 88th minute, Mackay prepared to take a Hellas corner.

Seeing **Kalafatidis** storming down the middle, he sent the ball infield and alafatidis hit it as hard as he could. **Martin Coe** got his hands to it, but the short was so powerful that he couldn't hold it, giving Hellas its winning goal.

St George goalkeeper Martin Coe tries desperately to save this shot by Chris Kalafatidis, but it was too powerful for him and gave Hellas its 2-1 victory. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

Hellas goalkeeper John Kennedy makes a flying save in front of Attila Abonyi, with Jim Armstrong and John Daperis standing by.

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14. Tansey (Slavia).
9. Cumming (Sunshine).
8. Mackay (Hellas).
6. Kriaris (J.U.S.T.), Rigby (Mooroolbark).
2. Xanthopoulos (Hellas), Laumets (Makedonia), Train (Slavia), Wagstaff (George Cross).
1. Ollerton (Hellas), Baker (Hakoah), Bozikas (Alexander).

JIM TANSEY THE COACHES' CHOICE

By PETER SWEENEY

A poll of State League coaches has established Jim Tansey of Slavia as firm favorite for the 1976 Victorian Rothmans Medal, to be presented at the Southern Cross Hotel on Friday night.

Tansey, 22, has already won the Bill Fleming Medal as the Soccer Press Association Player of the Year, plus the Table Top Bakeries trip to Surfers Paradise as the best under 23 player.

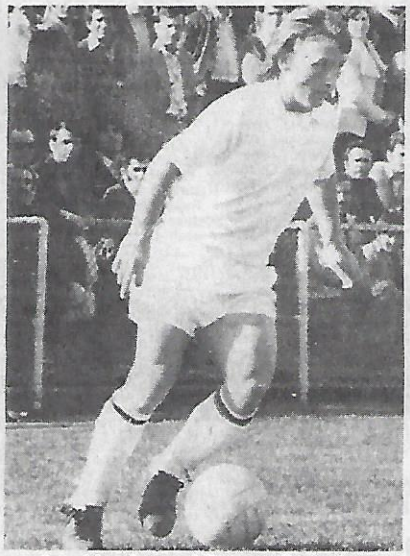
In our poll of State League coaches, we asked each one to name his top three tips, awarding votes of three, two and one.

Tansey got a total of 14 votes, comprising two three's and four two's.

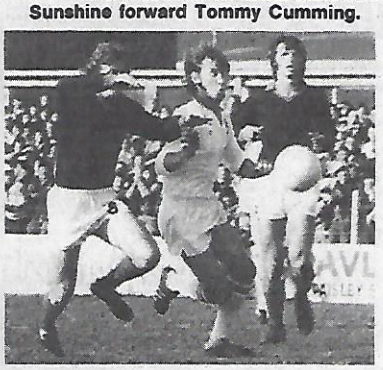
Second pick was Sunshine's dynamic winger Tommy Cumming who collected nine votes, comprising two three's and three ones.

Then came: **Jimmy Mackay** (Hellas) eight votes; **Dave Rigby** (Mooroolbark) and **Jim Kriaris** (J.U.S.T.) six each; **Authur Xanthopoulos** (Hellas), **Peter Laumets** (Makedonia), **Jim Train** (Slavia) and **Ken Wagstaff** (George Cross) two each; **Peter Ollerton** (Hellas), **David Baker** (Hakoah), **Andrew Bozikas.**

Here's what the coaches had to say:



Sunshine forward Tommy Cumming.



Hellas star Jimmy Mackay (centre) persued by J.U.S.T's Zoran Ilioski (left) and Jim Kondarios.

CEDO CIRKOVIC (J.U.S.T.)

Consistency is the main characteristic that influences the decision of Cedo Cirkovic.

That's what Cirkovic — recently named coach of the year — looks for in a player.

And he thinks consistency will win his reliable defender **Jim Kriaris** the 1976 Rothmans Medal.

Cirkovic said: "Jim Kriaris is one of the best defenders in Australia.

"His form never varies. Every game is the same. He does not play brilliantly one week and poorly the next, but rather always a steady and consistent game.

"These features also apply to South Melbourne Hellas defender **Authur Xanthopoulos,** who I believe will finish runner-up.

"Xanthopoulos plays the same type of game as Kriaris does.

"His form is steady and he doesn't let his side down."

Cirkovic's says minute Sunshine striker **Tommy Cumming** will be a big threat to Kriaris and Xanthopoulos.

He added: "I've watched Cumming closely since he arrived.

"I didn't think he would do well, but I have since changed my mind.

"He's a dangerous and fantastic forward, who despite his size controls the ball well and has an uncanny knack of scoring goals."

Cedo Cirkovic picks:
3. JIM KRIARIS
2. ARTHUR XANTHOPOULOS
1. TOMMY CUMMING

ARCHIE CAMPBELL (MOOROOLBARK)

Mooroolbark's Dave Rigby has had a good season — and few would know that better than his boss and club coach Archie Campbell.

Rigby is Campbell's choice to win the Rothmans Medal.

Campbell has seen the star midfielder play all season, and says he has been the club's most consistent performer.

Campbell said: "Dave has had a good year. He's been consistent and has always been in the thick of things, playing in midfield.

"He has plenty of ball skills and is a fair player, so he must catch the eye of the referee."

Campbell's second choice is Rigby's close friend,**Jim Tansey** of Slavia.

He said: "Tansey's top asset is his tackling and distribution of the ball, which is excellent.

"Jim would have polled well earlier in the season when Slavia was battling.

"Another player who would have gained a lot of votes early is South Melbourne Hellas' **Jimmy Mackay.**

"Mackay showed great experience this year.

"His only disadvantage is that he's in a star-studded side and other players will rob him of votes."

Campbell, and other State League coaches, have named Preston Makedonia goalkeeper **Peter Laumets** as their dark horse.

Campbell said: "Laumets should poll well as there were times when his side was struggling and he had plenty of work to do."

Archie Campbell Picks:
3. DAVE RIGBY
2. JIM TANSEY
1. JIM MACKAY

JACK REILLY (Alexander)

Ever busy, nippy Sunshine star Tommy Cumming is the Rothmans Medal favorite according to former World Cup goalkeeper and Fitzroy Alexander coach Jack Reilly.

Reilly believes Cumming has a lot going for him and is the man to beat for the referee's best and fairest award.

He said: "Cumming is little and is bound to attract the notice of referees.

Jim Tansey

sympathy and he has a great deal of ability.

"I believe he's an eye — catcher and I expect the result to prove just that."

Reilly says the two biggest dangers are both outsiders in the betting — Makedonia goalkeeper **Peter Laumets** and Alexander's utility player **Andrew Bozikas.**

He added: **"Peter Laumets** was a consistent goalkeeper, despite having a bad spell midway through the year.

"He played good soccer and was not in a good side, so there won't be many, if any, players to steal votes from him.

"Andrew Bozikas is underrated. He has been our most consistent player this year and must have a big chance of winning."

Jack Reilly picks:
3. TOMMY CUMMING
2. PETER LAUMETS
1. ANDREW Bozikas

BOBBY McLACHLAN (Sunshine)

Sunshine coach Bobby McLachlan believes certain characteristics of players will have a large part in deciding the 1976 Rothmans Medal winner.

The characteristics include size, hair coloring, personality, physique and the ability power to attract the referees' eye.

McLachlan says it is hard enough for a referee to control a game, without having to select the best players.

He said: "As a coach it is hard watching your own team, let alone seeing the best players on the other side.

"Certain characteristics must attract the referee during a match and when he sits down to select his best three players."

McLachlan gives two of his players — captain **Steve "Butch" Kokoska** and minute striker **Tommy Cumming** — a big show of winning the Rothmans.

But his number one choice is South Melbourne Hellas midfielder **Jim Mackay.**

McLachlan said: "Mackay played magnificently in the first half of the season.

"He continued to play well, but was plagued by injuries.

"He will do well in the voting. He catches the eye."

McLachlan's second fancy is **Jim Tansey** whom he labels Mr Nice Guy.

"He's always sweet with the referees and besides this has had an excellent season.

"Jim must have a big show of winning."

The size and character of **Tommy Cumming** brings him into the rockoning, McLachlan says.

"Tommy can't help but capture the eye of the referee.

"He's a real character and has been scoring goals.

"He is one of the most important members in our side."

Mackay, Tansey and Cumming is the finishing with Kokoska and Mooroolbark midfielder **Dave Rigby** his next two main chances.

He added: "Kokoska is a dominating figure. He's brilliant in the air and stands out like a sore thumb in our defence.

"Rigby never plays a bad game — always one above the average.

"He is extremely industrious, so he has a great chance."

McLachlan picks:
3. JIM MACKAY
2. JIM TANSEY
1. TOMMY CUMMING

KEN KONTRA (Slavia)

Slavia coach Ken Kontra says the Rothmans Medal count will see his club rise to the forefront.

Not only does Kontra expect **Jim Tansey** to win the award, but he believes **Jim Train** will finish second.

Consistency, skill and fairness make Tansey the favorite, says Kontra.

He added: "Jim has had a great season and is a good captain.

"He's a fair and skilful player who always gives a 100 per cent effort.

"Tansey did not miss a game and he deserves to start favorite.

"If Tansey doesn't win, then I expect **Jim Train** will.

"Train is an excellent clubman and gives a 100 per cent performance every time he walks out onto the ground.

"He's had a most consistent season and gets his head down to the job.

"Train is adaptable and can play in any position as he proved throughout the year.

"Dave Rigby will be the biggest threat to Tansey and Train.

"I expect him to pull a lot of votes.

"He didn't play well against us but overall he's had a fair season, and must be hard to beat.

"Jim O'Reilly is expected to poll well, but I doubt if he can win it because he missed six matches during the year."

Ken Kontra picks:
3. JIM TANSEY
2. JIM TRAIN
1. DAVE RIGBY

NORM HOBSON (Ringwood)

Ringwood Wilhelmina coach Norm Hobson says Sunshine striker Tommy Cumming can turn a game within a split second.

"He has all the skills to do this", Hobson said of Cumming, his choice for the Rothmans Medal.

Hobson added: "Cumming is an individualist.

"He never gives up, and would be an asset to any side.

"He is the type of player you can't pin down. His height, or rather lack of it, doesn't worry him, and he is always on the go.

"Cumming is a pressure player who forces defenders to make mistakes."

Dave Rigby is probably the player Hobson most admires in the State League.

He saed: "Rigby knows how to get things going.

"He can dictate a game and builds up attacks.

"Rigby can slow the game down or speed it up — whatever his side needs most.

"He's a good passer of the ball and I really admire his grafting style and the effort he puts in."

Hobson's third choice is one of Australia's best strikers, **Peter Ollerton** of South Melbourne Hellas.

Hobson said: "He's a great target man.

"Ollerton has a lot of skill for a big bloke and he can be a lot better if he is used the right way.

"He's a natural striker and scoring goals is no problem to him."

Norm Hobson picks:
3. TOMMY CUMMING
2. DAVE RIGBY
1. PETER OLLERTON

MILENKO RUSMIR (Juventus)

Juventus coach Milenko Rusmir has gone for a dark horse in Footscray J.U.S.T. defender Jim Kriaris to win the Rothmans medal.

Rusmir tips Kriaris — a most disciplined player in his opinion — to edge out **Jim Tansey** and **Tommy Cumming.**

He said: "Kriaris is one of the best players we have come across this year.

"He plays clever, steady soccer as a sweeper, is good on the ground and disciplined.

"These features also apply to **Jim Tansey,** who is the big threat to Kriaris winning the medal."

Rusmir's third selection is Sunshine forward **Tommy Cumming,** whom he claims he claims should have been in the Victorian side soon after his arrival.

Rusmir added: "Cumming is a true striker, despite his size.

"He is a fair but aggressive forward and he controls the ball well.

"Undoubtedly he is one of the best in the State League."

Rusmir's pick as outsider to cause a bollover is Makedonia goalkeeper **Peter Laumets.**

The Juventus coach added that Laumets was the best goalkeeper his side had faced.

Milenko Rusmir picks:
3. JIM KRIARIS
2. JIM TANSEY
1. TOMMY CUMMING

SAM MEYER (Hakoah)

Hakoah's Sam Meyer says the 1976 Rothmans Medal will be a walkover ... Hellas' midfield star Jimmy Mackay will win it easily.

Meyer believes Mackay was the true leader and guider of Hellas' championship team this year.

Meyer said: "Jim Mackay was the man who won Hellas the premiership.

"He knew what to do and when to do it.

"Mackay knew when to speed the game up, and when to slow it down.

"It's his knowledge of the game that makes him a great player.

"I've utmost respect for Mackay as a player, a captain and a gentleman.

"He's a true champion and deserves the Rothmans Medal."

Meyer rates **Jim Tansey** and 1975 Rothmans winner **David Baker** as the hardest two for Mackay to beat.

He said that Tansey and Baker were the backbone of the Slavia and Hakoah defences, and both sides could easily have finished on the bottom without their prosence.

Meyer said: "Tansey and Baker did a great job for their sides.

"Tansey is really the only player Slavia had in its defence. The side could have been relegated if they didn't have him.

"The same applies to **David Baker.**

His experience and class were two big factors. He played in the same position as Tansey, and did his job equally as well.

"If Polonia had either Mackay, Tansey or Baker in its side then it would not have finished last.

"One of these players deserves the Rothmans.

Sam Meyer picks:
3. JIM MACKAY
2. JIM TANSEY
1. DAVID BAKER

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Taylor, Lee switch

LONDON — England International Peter Taylor has been transferred to English First Division club Tottenham Hotspur from Third Division Crystal Palace for an English record fee of 200,000 sterling (268,000 Aust Dollars).

The 23-year-old winger, who joined Crystal Palace for 100,000 sterling (134,000 Aust Dollars) in October 1973, was put on the Transfer market during the summer after Palace failed to win promotion.

Leicester City striker **Bob Lee** also switched clubs, moving to Sunderland for about 180,000 sterling (about $230,000). — AAP Reuter.

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Another triumph for Rasic?

By BRIAN MOSSOP

Rale Rasic's Marconi-Fairfield proved in the minor semi-final last weekend that Cup-style sudden death football is a very different ball game.

Marconi also blew sky-high my prediction of a St George-Hakoah grand final.

I should have known. Hakoah, despite having picked up several premierships over the years, has never really shone when everything hinged on one match.

So it is out of the Ampol championship series, leaving Marconi very much alive.

And on last weekend's display, Rasic could well repeat his earlier successes with Marconi in winning the interstate series of 1972 and the championship the following year.

Marconi certainly has the players to trouble APIA which it will meet in the preliminary final next Sunday at the Sports Ground.

APIA beat St George 3-2 on Monday.

Marconi's inconsistency during the season made it hard to tip it beyond the semi-finals.

But Marconi showed in disposing of Hakoah that it is hard to toss when everything clicks.

Young Peter Sharne is having a tremendous season and capped his match-winning performance with the $300 man-of-the-match award.

But Saints and APIA are both strong sides and Marconi faces a hard battle to win its way into the grand final and then carry off the championship title.

Greg Green presents John Barclay with a plaque commemorating Australia's participation in the 1974 World Cup.

SOCCEROOS SAYS THANKS

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He was flown to Melbourne by TAA, accommodated at the President Motor Inn and feted by the Victorian Soccer Federation.

The presentations were made at the start of the Dockerty Cup final.

After he had handed out the plaques — which bear the signatures of all members of the World Cup party, plus Australia's World Cup results and a picture of the squad — **John Barclay** took the microphone.

"We thank Greg from the bottom of our hearts," he said.

"I'm not knocking the ASF, but this is the only memento we have of the World Cup."

Barclay then sprang the Socceroos' surprise on Greg.

He presented Greg with a watch, engraved: "To Greg, from the 1974 Socceroos", as a token of their appreciation.

After the game, Greg was the guest of the Dockerty Cup winner, Footscray J.U.S.T., at **Mr. Tony Kovac's** restaurant in Acland Street, St. Kilda.

Greg became a fan of the Socceroos a long time ago. **Ray Richards** used to pick him up and take him to the Socceroos' training at their camp in Wahroonga.

When the squad got back from West Germany in 1974, Greg had them all sign their names in thin copper, then pressed the Socceroos emblem into the copper, framed it and later added pictures of the squad and results on the back.

His father, George, who works for PA Management Consultants, introduced soccer cybernetics — positive thinking — to the national squad in 1973 and became friendly with the coach, **Rale Rasic.**

Greg played for West Pennant Hill under 18s last year, but gave it up temporarily this year to concentrate on his HSC studies.

However, he maintained a link with soccer by coaching the under 6 team of the Pennant Hills club.

He'll coach the team again next year, and he'll return to the playing field with the under 21s, while doing a business administration course at university.

The Australian Soccer Federation promised to strike special medals for the Socceroos at the time of the World Cup, but as it's turned out, Greg's tribute has been the only one made to the squad.

Greg said his father had tried to urge the ASF to go ahead with its promised medals, but there was no response.

Polish teams may visit

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Ruch holds an unprecidented record. It was 10 times champion of Poland in the years 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1938, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1960 and 1968.

Ruch can also be proud of its international record, having won many international tournaments at home and overseas.

LKS (Lodz) which was sought by the VSF two seasons back, but was replaced by WKS Legia, is the fourth club which could be considered by the ASF.

After two hard seasons in which the club had to fight all the way to avoid relegation, LKS started the '76 season sensationally, defeating opponents one after the other, and is now heading the ladder with a very attractive goal average.

Jan Tomaszewski, the famous Polish custodian, is again in top form and is mostly responsible for his club's successes.

Sharne hero of Marconi victory

MARCONI 2 (Sharne, Carrizo) HAKOAH 0. Crowd: 2,058.

Marconi, so often described as giving only 75 per cent effort, swept the highly fancied Hakoah aside with a convincing 2-0 victory in the first Ampol championship semi-final at Sydney Sports Ground on Sunday.

Speedy young left winger **Peter Sharne** was Marconis' damaging striker and the man of the match with a 40th minute goal and continual probing which rattled the Hakoah defence.

Marconi defenders **Barry Jones**, replacement **Stuart Robertson, Ivo Prskalo, Les Hucker** and **Paul Degney** completed the humiliation by rejecting all Hakoah advances.

The match produced rugged football on the heavy surface and referee **Peter Rampley** cautioned **Ernie Campbell** (Marconi) and **Bert Lutton** (Hakoah) as tempers became heated.

Marconi's victory lifts them into next Sunday's final, where they face APIA.

For coach **Rale Rasic** it was a triumph after an in and out season when the very defence that beat Hakoah wilted at the wrong moment in other matches.

For Hakoah it was the season's end. Coach **Gerry Chaldi** could only shake his head in disbelief, even after allowing that Marconi deserved the credit.

The other surprise was the extent of Marconi's tactical superiority after Hakoah had spent the second half of the season cutting teams to ribbons.

After Sharne had directed Marconi towards victory with his goal, the team tantalised Hakoah in the second half by slowing down play to leave them completely exasperated.

In the opening gambit they caught Hakoah consistently in the offside trap and Sharne and the rejuvenated **Ernie Campbell** were always prepared for a thrust at goal.

Midway in the half it was Hakoah's turn to press, but **Terry Smith's** left-footer and an identical shot from Mullen missed when the players were perfectly placed to score.

The courageous Sharne continued to probe effectively, recovering in between times from an accidental kick in the face.

With two minutes remaining Marconi's exuberant forward **Roaul Carrizo** broke through Hakoah's centre and hammered in a swinging left footer for a 2-0 victory.

Also playing a big part in Marconi's rout of the favorites was national team goalkeeper **Allan Maher** who overshadowed his rival **Todd Clarke** of Hakoah.

Peter Ollerton

They're sure to make up

Common sense and the harsh reality of the transfer market are almost certain to keep Peter Ollerton at Hellas, despite talk that he may seek a transfer.

Ollerton was angry after coach **Manny Poulakakis** had barred him for Hellas' game against St George.

The suspension followed a clash between Ollerton and Poulakakis at training.

Ollerton apologised to Poulakakis on the day of the match against St George but Poulakakis let the one-week suspension stand.

Ollerton retaliated by announcing he would not train with Hellas again before he leaves with the Socceroos on their tour of Asia and Europe.

He added that if Hellas wanted him to play again next season, the club would have to contact him.

"If they don't want me, I'll be happy to be transferred," he said.

He added however: "Manny and I are still good friends."

Now that tempers have cooled down, it's likely that Ollerton, Poulakakis and Hellas will forget what's happened and that Ollerton will be back in blue and white colors next season.

After all, who could afford to buy him?

Manny Poulakakis

Mix-up gives Borough title

Greensborough has been crowned with the Victorian District League North Division championship and Gladstone Park is angered by a Victorian Soccer Federation decision.

The two teams met on September 26 in the final match of the season, with the winner clinching the championship.

They drew 0-0 and then the trouble started.

A Gladstone Park player, **Erkan Kaprol**, was suspended for two weeks after his club's game against Banksia on September 5.

He missed the next match against Bulleen and the side was listed to play Galveston on September 19.

However the Galveston team disbanded in early August.

Kaprol then played against Greensborough which meant he had missed two weeks but only one match.

After a protest was lodged, Greensborough was awarded the championship.

VSF Secretary Mr George Wallace said: "Gladstone Park was informed that it could not play the suspended player — he had to miss two matches.

"He missed one week, but the following weekend Gladstone Park had a bye.

"He missed two weeks but not as many games.

"The player should not have played in the last game."

Gladstone Park spokesman Fevzi Guzel said: "It's an unfair decision, and we plan to meet the management committee tomorrow night.

"It wasn't our fault but more the blame of the Federation.

"We went to Soccer House, paid a $20 fine, were given Kaprol's passport and told everything would be all right.

"I can't understand this at all.

"The side had two matches set down to play after the game where Kaprol was suspended and before the Greensborough match.

"We got two points against Galveston, so it must have been counted as a game.

"We have not lost a game all season."

A Greensborough official said: "I don't know why they played him, because even we knew he was under suspension.

"You must be fair. We would not play somebody who was suspended."

Czech opponent next for Bayern Munich

ZURICH, — Bayern Munich, hoping to win the European Cup for the fourth year running, must travel to Czechoslovakia to seek a place in the last eight this season.

The draw made here, pits the elite West Germans against **Banik Ostrava**, who pipped **Slovan Bratislava** for the Czech championship in the final match.

St Etienne (France), who Bayern beat in the final last spring, were drawn with **PSV Eindhoven**, a replay of the semi-final last year which the Dutch club lost by the only goal of the two matches.

The draw means that at least one of last season's semi-finalists must be eliminated.

Real Madrid, who fell to Bayern at the penultimate stage early this year, take on the new Belgian champions, **Bruges**. The Belgians survived a tough visit to Bulgaria midweek, drawing with **Steaua Bucharest** for a 3-2 aggregate victory.

The teams which pulled off the outstanding performances in the first round look set to progress further. The new East German champions, **Dynamo Dresden**, who beat Portugal's **Benfica** without conceding a goal, go to Budapest to meet **Ferencvaros.**

The Hungarians built up an aggregate of 11-3 but Luxembourg opposition may be poor preparation for puncturing the Dresden defence.

The Soviet champions, Dinamo Kiev, who scored a resounding victory in Yugoslavia against Partizan Begrade, play host to Paok of Salonika.

The West German champions **Borussia Moenchengladbach** — Bayern qualify only as holders — are drawn against the Italians of **Torino**, who had only one goal to spare against Sweden's **Malmo.**

England's perennial European campaigners, **Liverpool**, break new ground in meeting **Trabzonspor**, debutantes in the European Cup. In all their seasons in Europe Liverpool have never faced Turkish opponents.

Belgium's **Anderlecht**, bidding to retain the Cup Winners' Cup, also face a Turkish club.

Having beaten formidable opponents in the Dutch cup holders, **Roda**, they play host to **Galatasaray.** The Turks only drew with **AIK Stockholm** but had won 2-1 in Sweden.

High-scoring **Levski Spartak** — they piled up a 19-3 aggregate against Finland's **Reipas Lahti** — will not find goals so plentiful against **Boavista** in Oporto. The Portuguese club won both legs against the Romanians of Galati.

In the UEFA Cup, two former European Cup Winners face tough opposition. Holland's **Feyendoord** go to **Kaiserslautern.** The West Germans built an 11-1 aggregate against Cypriot opponents in the first round.

England's **Manchester United**, by irony, travel to Turin where their neighbours, **Manchester City**, were knocked out 2-1 on aggregate last week.

Juventus will hardly welcome a second tussle with a Manchester club though again they have the advantage of playing the second leg at home. — **AAP-Reuter.**

Hakoah has a sponsor

VIP Insurance will sponsor Hakoah Eastern Suburbs of Sydney in the National League next year.

The extent of the sponsorship has not been disclosed.

Hakoah president **Mr Frank Lowy** said that a report in the Sydney Press, stating that the sponsorship amounted to $100,000, was incorrect.

"It's not that much," he said.

MARCONI STARS ON THE MOVE?

Marconi's star forward Ernie Campbell, capped 15 times for Australia, may be transferred to Hakoah Sydney.

His match against Hakoah in the Sydney finals last Sunday may have been his last with Marconi.

Campbell, who played for APIA before joining Marconi is, at 27, one of the hottest properties in Sydney.

It was Campbell who, in 1973 kept Australia in the running for a place in the World Cup finals when he scored the equalising goal in our qualifying match against New Zealand in Auckland.

Another Marconi player who may be on the move is former Victorian star **Milo Micevski.**

And there's yet another Marconi player unhappy with the club and wanting a transfer.

His name is being kept secret.

Cumming going home

Tommy Cumming — Sunshine's tiny, busy striker — will return home to Scotland on Monday October 18.

Cumming, who has ripped opposition defences apart in this year's State League competition, has a big show of taking Victoria's top player award home with him.

He is one of the favorites to win the Rothmans Medal, to be decided on Friday night.

Cumming arrived in Melbourne on Friday, February 13 and played that night in an Ampol Cup match against Fitzroy Alexander.

He showed in that game the class that has become more evident throughout the year.

Cumming was a finalist in the Bill Fleming Medal voting and for the Soccer Press Association's best under 21 player award.

His main assets are pace, judgement, heading ability, shooting power and a fierce will to win.

NZ beaten

NOUMEA — New Caledonia beat New Zealand 2-1 in a friendly match here. Scorers: Earle Thomas for New Zealand and Waar Hmae (2) for New Calendonia.

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CLASS WINS CUP FOR J.U.S.T.

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Dockerty Cup final: FOOTSCRAY JUST 2 (Palinkas 2nd minute, Buljevic 80th), POLONIA 0.

Teams with player ratings out of 10:

JUST: Dennis Boland 6, Allan Parrot 7, Jim Kriaris 7, Jim Kondarlos 7, Andy Kazi 6, Zoran Ilioski 6, Frank Micic 7, Joe Picioane 7, Joe Palinkas 7, Branko Buljevic 7, Mendo Ristovski 7.

POLONIA: Larry Ostrowsky 8, Stan Klain 6, Marian Jaworski 7, Eddy Marmur 6, Barney Klimecki 6, Andy Czapnik 6, George Nierobisz 6, Ricky Lipiarski 6 (Dykun 71st), Mike Borucinski 6 (Esposito 56th), Joe Herman 6, Hugh Humphries 6.

JUST celebrated late into the night on Sunday and again last night (Tuesday). Finally it has won the Cup which has been so elusive for 13 years.

Polonia celebrated too. Champagne flowed freely in the dressing room after the game. Polonia had lost the Cup, but at least it had reached the final — a great achievement for the team that finished last in the league.

JUST doesn't always play as well as it should, but in the second half of the Cup final, it dazzled Polonia with sheer class.

Midfielders **Joe Picioane** and **Frank Micic** were skill and poise personified. Forwards **Branko Buljevic, Mendo Ristovski** and **Joe Palinkas** were excellent after an inactive first half.

Give JUST a big game and the players will turn on the power. Every game will be a big one in the National League next year, so let's hope we always see JUST at its best.

Put a strong opportunist centre forward into the team and you have an outfit as good as any in Australia.

It was a tribute to Polonia goalkeeper **Harry Ostrowsky** that JUST scored no more than two goals.

Ostrowsky was clearly the best man afield, making some spectacular flying saves and foiling Picioane in a clear scoring situation.

Marian Jaworski was also excellent. In that same situation, the ball rolled to Ristovski after Ostrowsky had stopped Picioane, and Jaworski was on the goal line to clear Ristovski's shot.

As it did against Sunshine in the semi-final, JUST scored a lightning fast goal.

Jim Kriaris went on a long run from the half line into the penalty area and put a square pass across goal to Joe Palinkas, who bounced the ball into the net off the post.

In the 10th minute JUST launched a furious attack in which Micic the master tried two close-range shots, both saved brilliantly by Ostrowsky.

Buljevic followed up with a shot that bounced off the bar to Ilioski whose attempt was saved again by Ostrowsky.

But Polonia had more of the play in the first half.

Its moves, however, were always broken up by **Konarios** — again the master in the air — **Kriaris, Parrott** and **Kazi.**

And yet a fine curling shot by **Hugh Humphries** could easily have scored with an ounce of luck in the 25th minute.

In a JUST breakaway Buljevic sent a well-time long ball to Ristovski who was fouled by Jaworski on his way to goal.

Had referee **Hans Verniers** used the advantage rule, Ristovski would probably have scored. However, the forward had to come back to take his free kick and that meant the opportunity was gone.

In the 30th minute **Mike Burocinski** sent a banana shot towards the far top corner. It went over the head of goalkeeper **Dennis Boland**, but Parrott cleared off the line.

As the half drew to a close, Ostrowsky made a finger-tip save from a high shot by Ilioski.

In the second half, the entire JUST team sparked. The forwards became active and dangerous and Picioane and Micic controlled the game in midfield.

Big Polonia forward **Joe Herman**, who had been dangerous in the first half, was controlled by the JUST defence, and the scene was set for a Footscray victory.

But it was Polonia which struck first, with Borucinski blasting just over the bar after picking up a short clearance after a free kick by Czapnik.

Then came a fine solo run by **Alan Parrott** who gave the ball to Ristovski inside the penalty area. Ristovski turned on the ball and hit it first-time but Ostrowsky excelled once more.

Polonia wasn't finished yet. Humphries set up a good scoring opportunity by putting the ball across the goal area.

Kriaris missed it, but so did Humphries' team mates **Joe Herman** and **Ralph Esposito.**

Then Marmur sent a brilliant long ball to Humphries who sped into the penalty area but was run down by Kriaris at the crucial moment.

Jaworski saved Polonia temporarily when he stopped Palinkas with a fine tackle after a long run by the JUST forward.

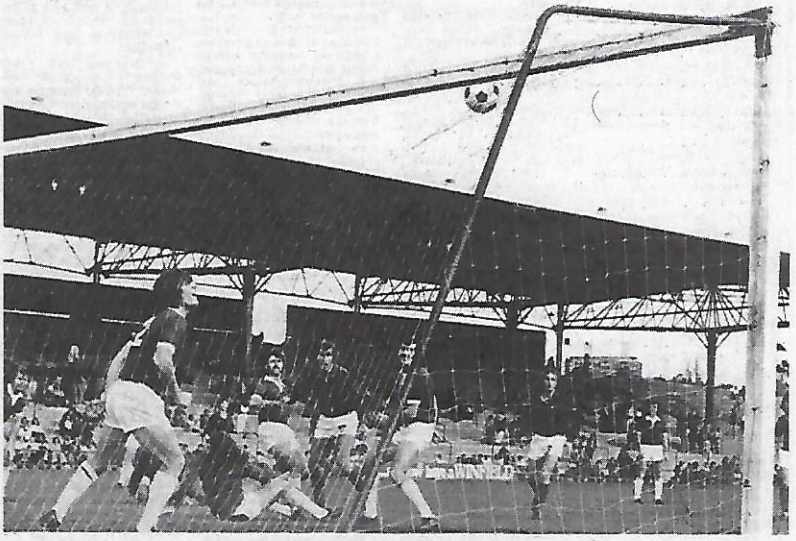
Polonia had both substitutes on now — Esposito and **John Dykun**.

Marmur had a lapse in concentration, slipping an unwise back pass in the direction of Ostrowsky. Ristovski latched onto it first but Ostrowsky had read the situation well, and had come out far enough to block the move.

Then came the winning goal, with 10 minutes to go.

Buljevic picked up a nice pass, ran down the left, cut inside and hammered the ball into the top of the net from an angle.

Footscray JUST had won the 1976 Dockerty Cup.



It looks like a goal, but this shot by J.U.S.T.'s Branko Buljevic hit the crossbar. Pictured from left: Stan Klain, Larry Ostrowsky (on ground), Marian Jaworski, Buljevic, George Nierobisz, Zoran Ilioski, Joe Herman, Mendo Ristovski. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

This also looks like a goal, but the Hellas free kick hit the post, with George Cross goalkeeper Magro well beaten in the Armstrong Cup final.

'Cross seniors win the Reserves Cup

Armstrong Cup final: GEORGE CROSS 2 (Ebini 35th, Cullen 50th), HELLAS 0.

GEORGE CROSS: Magro; McConville, Barron, Doolan, Lawler, B. Kastner, Ebini, D. Murphy, Cullen, P. Murphy, Paparas. Subs: Tsetsos, Bilusic.

HELLAS: Fode, Kypiakouleas, Koutoulas, Terzakis, Nicolaides, Nazzareno, Stamatelos, Selemidis, Makris, Alexiou, Williams. Subs: Sismanis, Samlidis, Malopoulos, Miller, Domsis.

George Cross won the reserves cup with six first team players, and this type of thing will continue to happen unless the Federation adopts some foolproof rules.

The last time the rules were tightened was when it was decreed that anyone who had played in a Dockerty Cup game could not play in the Armstrong Cup.

George Cross was knocked out of the Dockerty Cup by Croydon at the start of the year. Since then, it imported a few players and bought **Paul Murphy**. All of them were eligible for the reserves cup because they had not played in the Dockerty Cup.

This type of thing has been going on for too long.

North Carlton won the Armstrong Cup with its senior team in 1974. St Albans-Olympia also played its senior team when it won the 1965 cup.

If this is to be avoided in the future, a new rule must be introduced.

Although it would probably create an administrative burden, we suggest that the only players eligible for Armstrong Cup matches should be those who have played at least 10 games in the reserve team.

George Cross lined up against Hellas' reserve team on Sunday with **Alex McConville, Derek Barron, Peter Ebini, Derek Doolan, Robert Cullen** and **Paul Murphy** — all senior players.

Ebini scored the first and Cullen the second, but George Cross didn't play well.

The Hellas youngsters put a lot more into their game than George Cross did.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

See Les Shorrock's view, p. 13.

Czapnik, Dosen may switch

Footscray J.U.S.T. has made bids for Hakoah defender Anton Dosen and Polonia midfielder Andy Czapnik.

The comittees of both clubs have been approached.

Both players say they are keen to join J.U.S.T.

Czapnik said after the Dockerty Cup final: "It's always been an ambition of mine to play for J.U.S.T. because I like their style of game.

"The ambition is even stronger now that J.U.S.T. is in the National League."

Czapnik, Polonia's captain, is 28. He has been at Polonia for about 10 years.

He is an intelligent, hard-working midfielder who always uses the ball to advantage.

"I haven't been fully fit this year," he said. "I missed games due to injury and I never really recovered.

"I'm sure I could do a lot better next year."

Anton Dosen, 23, played for J.U.S.T. juniors before switching to Hakoah.

He established himself as a regular senior player about four years ago.

He's played most of his senior soccer as a centre back, but this year he became a defensive midfielder.

J.U.S.T. is also expecting up to three players from Yugoslavia.

The club's top priority is getting a strong central striker.

Andy Czapnik

Leading scorers

Victoria's leading goalscorers so far, counting League, Dockerty Cup, Ampol Cup, State and national team games:

25. French (M'bark).
22. Ollerton (Hellas).
17. Cumming (Sunshine).
16. Armstrong (Hellas).
13. Buljevic (J.U.S.T.), Ristovski (J.U.S.T.), Palinkas (J.U.S.T.).
12. Cummings (Hellas).
11. Gibson (Alex), Lynn (Ring), Murphy (GC).
10. Wagstaff (GC), Gillan (Alex), McIntyre (Mak).
9. Clarey (M'bark), Cole (Alex).
8. Picioane (J.U.S.T.), Piotrowski (Sun).
7. Vojtek (Juv), Kokkinos (Juv).

John Grimsey set for another year

Polonia coach John Grimsey seems certain to be reappointed for next season, despite his side's 0-2 loss to Footscray JUST in the Dockerty Cup final on Sunday.

However Grimsey, 40, has another coaching job lined up if he is sacked by Polonia — with his old club Olympia of Tasmania.

A decision on his future with Polonia will be made later this month at the club's annual meeting.

Grimsey took over as coach of Polonia when **Eugene Lerch** returned home to Poland midway through the season.

He has done a good job with the side, lifting it into the Dockerty Cup final.

Grimsey said: "I would like to stay at Polonia.

"The money is not comparable at Olympia, although I'd have to do as much work.

"I do hope to be given another year.

"Polonia has a lot of young boys who have plenty of go and they will be a lot better next season.

"We were thrashed only twice — by **Mooroolbark** and **George Cross** — but the boys contested all other games.

"All we need is two or three class players.

"Then we'll be able to live up to what we used to be.

"We had a lot of ridiculous refereeing decisions against us and this cost us a few games."

Grimsey has altered his travel booking to Tasmania in the hope that he will be reappointed.

Jim Tansey of Slavia is congratulated by Jim Barker, president of the Victorian Press Association, after receiving the Bill Fleming Medal for the SPA Player of the Year.

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PAOK, AEK are still in it

Two of the four Greek clubs left in the major European competitions survived the second leg of first round matches.

PAOK Saloniki advanced in the European Cup by drawing 1-1 with Omonia Nicosia of Cyprus and qualifying 3-1 on aggregate.

AEK lost 1-2 to Moscow Dynamo in the UEFA Cup but qualified for the second round 3-2 on aggregate, having beaten Dynamo 20 in the first leg.

The two big Scottish clubs Celtic and Rangers, have also bombed out.

The European Cup holder, Bayern Munich of West Germany, beat Koege of Denmark 2-1 with goals by **Franz Beckenbauer** and substitute **Conny Torstensson** after having beaten Koege 5-0 in the first leg.

European Cup

In St Etienne: St Etienne (France) 1, SKA Sofia (Bulgaria) 0 (1-0). St Etienne won 1-0 on aggregate.

EUROPEAN CUP

In Valencia: Real Madrid (Spain) 1 Stal Mielec (Poland) 0 (0-0) Real Madrid won 3-1 on aggregate.

In Lisbon: Benfica (Portugal) 0 Dynamo Dresden (East Germany) 0. Dynamo Dresden won 2-0 on aggregate.

In Zurich: Switzerland 1, Glasgod Rangers (Scotland) 0; (1-0). Zurich won 2-1 on aggregate.

In Luxembourg: Juenesse Esch (Luxembourg) 2 Ferencvaros (Hungary) 6 (1-3). Ferencvaros won 11-3 on aggregate.

CUP WINNERS CUP:

In Keflavik, Keflavik (Iceland) 1 Hamburg (W. Germany 1 (0-1). Hamburg won 4-1 on aggregate.

In Kerkade: Roda (Holland) 2 Anderlecht (Belgium) 3 (1-0). Anderlecht won 5-3 on aggregate.

In Madrid: Atletico Madrid (Spain) 1 Rapid Vienna (Austria) 1 (0-0). Atletico won 3-2 on aggregate.

UEFA CUP

In Turin: Juventus (Italy) 2 Manchester City (England) 0 (1-0). Juventus won 2-1 on aggregate.

In Moenchengladbach: Borussia Moenchengladbach (W. Germany) 3 WAC Vienna (Austria) 0 (1-0) Borussia won 3-1 on aggregate.

In Malmoe: Malmoe (Sweden) 1 Torino (Italy) 1 (0-1). Torino won 3-2 on aggregate.

In Munich: Bayern Munich (W. Germany 2 Keoge (Denmark) 1 (1-1) Bayern won 7-1 on aggregate.

In Eindhoven (Holland) 6 Dundalk (Republic of Ireland) 0 (3-0). PSV won 7-1 on aggregate.

In Prague: Sparta Prague (Czechoslavakia) 1 MTK Budapest (Hungary) 1 (0-1). MTK won 4-2 on aggregate.

In Trabzon: Trabzonspor (Turkey) 3 Akranes (Iceland) 2 (halftime 1-1). Trabzonspor won 6-3 on aggregate.

In Bucharest: Steaur Bucharest (Romania) 1 Bruges (Belgium) 1 (1-0). Bruges won 3-2 on aggregate.

In Ostrava: Banik Ostrava (Czechoslovakia) 2 Viking Stavanger (Norway) 0 (1-0). Banik won 3-2 on aggregate.

In Belgrade: Partizan Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 0 Dinamo Kiev (Soviet Union) 2 (0-1). Dinamo won 5-0 on aggregate.

In Salonica: PAOK Saloniki (Greece) 1 Omonia Nicosia (Cyprus) 1 (0-1) PAOK won 3-1 on aggregate.

In Turku: Turun Palloseura (Finland) 1 Sliema Wanderers (Malta 0. (Half-time 0-0). Aggregate score 2-2. Palloseura won on away goals rule.

In Belfast: Liverpool (England 5 Crasaders (Northern Ireland) 0. (Half-time 1-0). Scorers — Keegan, Johnson (2), McDermott, Heighway. Liverpool won 7-0 on aggregate.

Cup Winners' Cup

In Marseilles: Olympique Marseille (France) 2 Southampton (England) 1 (1-0). Southampton won 5-2 on aggregate.

In Esbjerg: Esbjerg (Denmark) 0 Bohemians (Republic of Ireland) 1 (0-0). Bohemians won 3-1 on aggregate.

In Nicosia: Apoel (Cyprus) 2 Iraklis (Greece) 0 (2-0). Apoel won 2-0 on aggregate.

In Wroclaw: Slask Wroclaw (Poland) 2 Floriana (Malta) 0 (0-0). Slask won 6-1 on aggregate.

In Tbilisi: Tbilisi Dynamo (Soviet Union) 3 Cardiff City (Wales) 0 (1-0). Dynamo won 3-1 on aggregate.

In Naples: Napoli (Italy) 1 Bodoe Glint (Norway) 0 (1-0) Napoli won 3-0 on aggregate.

In Oporto: Boavista (Portugal) 2 CSU Galati (Romania) 0 (2-0). Boavista won 5-2 on aggregate.

In Edinburgh: Hearts (Scotland) 5 Lokomotive Leipzig (E. Germany) 1 (2-1). Hearts won 5-3 on aggregate.

In Helsinki: Reipas Lahti (Finland) 1 Levski Spartak (Bulgaria) 7 (1-4). Levski Spartak won 19-3 on aggregate.

In Istanbul: Galatasaray (Turkey) 1 AIK Stockholm (Sweden) 1 (1-0). Galatasaray won 3-2 on aggregate.

UEFA Cup

In Holbaek: Holbaek (Denmark) 1 Eintracht Brunswick (West Germany) 0 (0-0). Eintracht Brunswick won 7-1 on aggregate.

In Nice: Nice (France) 2 Espanol (Spain) 1 (1-0) Espanol won 4-3 on aggregate.

In Kaiserslautern: 1. FC Kaiserslautern (Western Germany 8 Athletic Union Paralimni (Cyprus) 0. (Half-time 4-0). Kaiserslautern won 11-1 on aggregate.

In Bilbao: Atletico Bilbao (Spain) 5 Ujpest Dozsa (Hungary) 0 (4-0). Atletico won 5-1 on aggregate.

In Lokeren: Lokeren (Belgium) 3 Red Boys Differdingen (Luxembourg) 1 (3-1). Lokeren won 6-1 on aggregate.

In Brussels: Molenbeek (Belgium) 4 Naestved (Denmark) 0 (2-0). Molenbeek won 7-0 on aggregate.

In Barcelona: Barcelona (Spain) 3 Belenenses (Portugal) 2 (1-1. Barcelona won 5-4 on aggregate.

In Stockholm: Djurgaarden (Sweden) 2 Feyenoord (Holland) 1 (1-0). Feyenoord won 4-2 on aggregate.

In Sofia: Akademik Sofia (Bulgaria) 3 Slavia Prague (Czechoslovakia) 0 (1-0). Akademik won 3-2 on aggregate.

In Zagreb: Dinamo Zagreb (Yugoslavia) 3 Tirgu-Moraes (Romania) 0 (1-0). Dinamo won 4-0 on aggregate.

In Vaexjoe: Oester Vaexjoe (Sweden) 2 Kuoplon Palloseura (Finland) 0 (0-0). Oester won 4-3 on aggregate.

In Basle: Basle (Switzerland) 3 Glentoran (Northern Ireland) 0. (2-0). Basle won 5-3 on aggregate.

In Sochaux: Sochaux (France) 0 Hibernian (Scotland) 0. Hibernian won 1-0 on aggregate.

In Gelsenkirchen: Schalke 04 (W. Germany) 3 F.C. Porto (Portugal) 2 (0-0) Schalke won 5-4 on aggregate.

In Valetta; Hibernians (Malta) 0 Grasshoppers (Switzerland) 2 (0-0). Grasshoppers won 9-0 on aggregate.

In Kristiansand: Start Kristiansand (Norway) 0 SW Innsbruck (Austria) 5 (3-0). SW Innsbruck won 7-1 on aggregate.

In Chorzow: GKS Tychy (Poland) 1 Cologne (W. Germany) 1 (1-0). Cologne won 3-1 on aggregate.

In Cesena: Cesena (Italy) 3 Magdeburg (E. Germany) 1 (1-0). Magdeburg won 4-3 on aggregate.

In Balleybofey: Finn Harps (Republic of Ireland) 1 Derby County (England) 4 (1-2). Derby won 16-1 on aggregate.

In Adana: Adanasport (Turkey) 2 Austria Zalzburg (Austria) 0 (1-0). Austria Zalzburg won 5-2 on aggregate.

In Moscow: Moscow Dynamo (Soviet Union) 2 AEK Athens (Greece) 1. (1-0). After extra time. Score after 90 minutes 2-0. AEK Athens won 3-2 on aggregate.

In Bratislava: Slovan Bratislava (Czechoslovakia) 5 Fram Reykjavik (Iceland) 0 (2-0). Slovan won 8-0 on aggregate.

In Szekesfehervar: Videoton (Hungary) 4 Fenerbahce (Turkey) 0 (0-0). Videoton won 5-2 on aggregate

In Krakow: Wisla Krakow (Poland) 2 Glasgow Celtic (Scotland) 0 (0-0). Wisla won 4-2 on aggregate.

In East Berlin: Dynamo Berlin (E. Germany) 1 Schachtor Donetzk (Soviet Union) 1 (1-1). Schachtor won 4-1 on aggregate.

In Bergen: Brann Bergen (Norway) 0 Queens Park Rangers (England) 7 (0-2). Rangers won 11-0 on aggregate.

In Athens: Olympiakos Piraeus (Greece) 2 Studentsc Bucharest (Romania) 1 (0-1). Studentsc won 4-2 on aggregate.

In Manchester: Manchester United (England) 2 Ajax (Holland) 0 (1-0). Manchester United won 2-1 on aggregate.

In Budapest: Honved (Hungary) 1 Inter Milan (Italy) 1 (1-0). Honved won 2-1 on aggregate.

In Belgrade: Red Star Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 4 Lokomotiv Plovdiv (Bulgaria) 1. (Half-time 2-1). Scorers: Red Star: Bogicevic Stamenkovic (2), Filipovic. Lokomotiv: Bonev. Red Star won 5-3 on aggregate.

WORLD CUP GAMES SET FOR TAIWAN

It is now almost certain that Australia will have to play both its World Cup qualifying games against Taiwan in Taiwan.

Australia can't play its home leg in Australia because the government will not issue visas to a Taiwan team purporting to represent China.

Both matches were to be played in Fiji but that country is now also refusing to issue visas.

Meanwhile, Qatar has withdrawn from Group Four of the Asian zone qualifying series and the draw has been finalised for Group Three.

Australia has to qualify in the Oceania Region against New Zealand and Taiwan before it can move into the Asian zone, to play a tournament against the winners of the four Asian groups.

The Oceania draw is:

March 6, 1977: Australia v. New Zealand in Sydney

March 9: Australia v. Taiwan in Taiwan

March 13: Taiwan v. Australia in Taiwan

March 16: New Zealand v Taiwan in New Zealand.

March 20: New Zealand v. Australia in New Zealand.

Date to be fixed: Taiwan v. New Zealand in Taiwan.

Asian Zone details:

GROUP 1: (Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore)

The Football Association of Singapore will organise the preliminary tournament for Group 1 from 27 February to 12 March 1977. The venue for all matches will be the National Stadium at Kallang, Singapore.

GROUP 2: (Israel, Japan, North Korea, South Korea).

Dates to be fixed.

GROUP 3: (Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Syria).

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20. 1.77 Syria v. Iraq
28. 1.77 Syria v. Iran
22. 4.77 Iran v. Saudi Arabia
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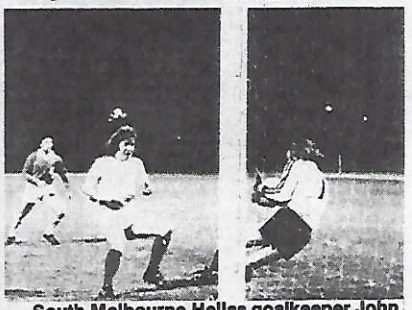
6. 5.77 Iran v Iraq

GROUP 4: (Bahrain, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates)

Dates not yet announced.

JOHN SAVES THE MATCH



South Melbourne Hellas goalkeeper John Kennedy safely grabs at the ball to withstand any shot at goal St George striker Neville Morgan had in mind during Friday night's unofficial Australian championship clash at Olympic Park.

Hellas won the match 2-1, after the sides had drawn 1-1 a week earlier.

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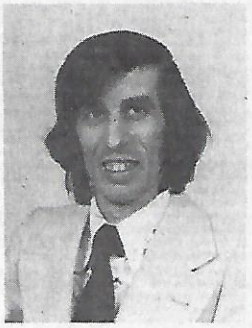

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Fans give Croatia a slap in the face

Little Stubby is hugged by a team mate after having scored for Sweden.

The NSW Rothmans Cup final highlighted one of the perennial problems in soccer. It concerns the fickleness of spectators.

The final, between Hakoah and Croatia, started as one of the most colorful spectacles since the competition started.

Unfortunately, due to the Jewish New Year holiday, only a few hundred Jewish supporters turned up to cheer Hakoah.

However, Hakoah excelled themselves in presenting their players, who ran through streamers onto the ground and kicked balls into the crowd.

There were Croatian girls dressed in their national costumes, and the Croatian fans, with their flags, gave their team great encouragement before the game.

Croatia had done extremely well leading up to the final, having beaten my own team, Marconi, 2-1, after being a goal down.

Croatia had advanced due to its great enthusiasm and fighting spirit, which more than made up for the team's lack of experience.

It is one of the youngest teams in the history of the federation — a team that lacked the individuals and the class of which Hakoah can boast.

After Croatia's mammoth effort in beating Marconi, I thought there was no way that the team could recover and produce an effort as exhausting as it did in the final.

Croatia was magnificent, although it lost 1-3.

For the first 45 minutes, Croatia played so tight that Hakoah could find no openings.

It was only two lapses of concentration that allowed **Terry Smith** and **Murray Barnes** to score goals early in the second half.

When Hakoah's captain, **Henry Mowbray**, put the ball into his own net under pressure with 25 minutes to go, it was anybody's game.

Croatia pinned Hakoah in its own penalty area cross after cross, challenge after challenge, to create a number of scoring opportunities including an open goal for Maurice Sullivan.

All this was produced not so much through classy football but through a frantic will to win — a do or die effort.

But with six minutes to go **Hilton Silva** used his experience to put Hakoah 3-1 up and that's when we experienced one of the biggest disappointments in soccer.

All of a sudden, the Croatia supporters left the ground, some talking about the referee, others accusing the players.

The 200 or 300 Hakoah supporters rushed onto the field and carried their players off on their shoulders — everyone likes a winner.

RALE RASIC

The poor Croatia players stood by as Hakoah received its medals.

Hardly anyone came up to congratulate them on their mighty performance.

Croatia had done enough to win.

At least Croatia had a moral victory because it had been able to match its more accomplished performers for most of the game.

In leaving the ground and deserting their team, the Croatia supporters gave their players a hefty slap in the face. They let their players down.

Croatia deserved to be carried off just as much as Hakoah did.

It was poor sportsmanship of behalf of the crowd, but of course it was nothing new.

This type of thing will continue to happen until spectators wake up to the fact that this is sport, that there has to be a winner and a loser and that the loser also deserves praise for having played the game, and having played it well.

VICTORIA ON TOP

The Victorian Colts under 16 team won their three-match series against the under 17s from Kingborough soccer club in Tasmania.

Victoria won 4-0 and 3-2 and lost one match 2-3.

THE CUP DRAW

GLASGOW. — The Anglo-Scottish Cup semi-final draw is:

Nottingham Forest v Ayr United and Partick Thistle v Orient.

First legs are to be played in the week beginning October 18, and the second legs in the week beginning November 1. — AAP Reuter.

Don't miss this pint-sized Pele

Kids — You still have the opportunity to win tickets to the soccer movie of the year, "Stubby", which will run at the Palais Theatre, St. Kilda, from October 21 to November 6.

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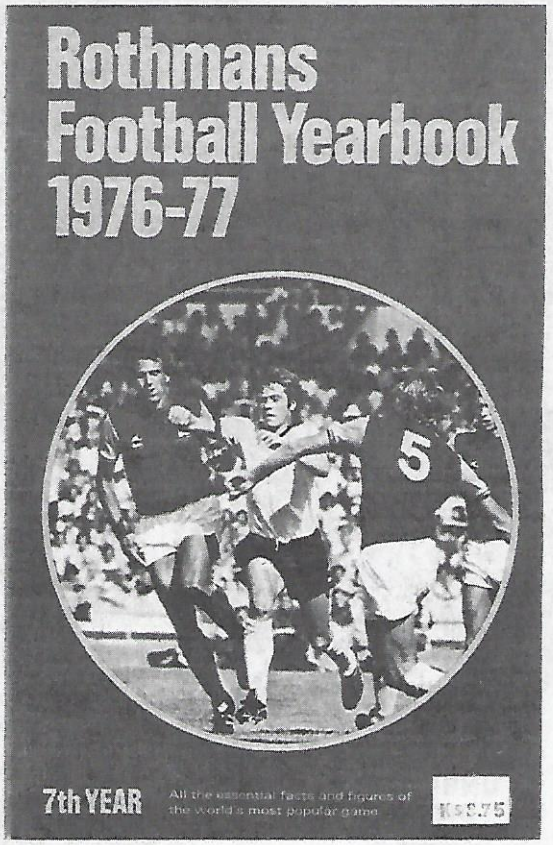

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Hellas by nine points-but i

By LAURIE SCHWAB

It may be uncharitable to say that South Melbourne Hellas failed to realise its potential in 1976.

After all, Hellas won the Ampol Cup and went on to win the League by an incredible nine points, equalling the record of 37 points set by Polonia in 1960.

But although Hellas bought accomplished forwards **Peter Ollerton** and **Duncan Cummings** at the start of the season, the team scored only 12 more goals than in 1975, while recording nine more championship points.

While the defence lost none of its effectiveness, conceding 21 goals compared with 19 in 1975, it must be said that the attack let Hellas down.

Ollerton and Cummings were not consistent, although they both had their brilliant moments.

The third striker, **Jim Armstrong,** cannot really be faulted, because he played many games in midfield and, as the oldest of the trio, he still managed eight goals — as many as Cummings and only two less than Ollerton.

In fact, when you count Armstrong's Cup goals, we find he has a grand total of 16, compared with Ollerton's 21 and Cumming's 12.

Hellas won six games by only 1-0, five games by 2-1 and one game by 3-2. In other words it won 12 games out of 22 by only one goal.

Jimmy Mackay

In addition, it lost twice to Sunshine and had two scoreless draws.

With the National League around the corner, Hellas must be compared with the best from Sydney.

The NSW championship was won by St George, which recorded 38 championship points — one more than Hellas — and which scored 65 goals — 25 more than the 40 scored by Hellas.

St George also conceded four less goals.

What's more St George played in a competition generally stronger than the Victorian State League.

All this is said in evaluating Hellas with the National League in mind. It is not intended to detract from the club's grand performance in winning the league and proving itself superior to whatever Victoria has to offer.

The most successful players at Hellas this year have been **Jimmy Mackay,** who started brilliantly and remained steady and constructive although not as conspicuous as the season wore on.

Mackay, like many other Hellas players, was plagued by injury during the season. This often prevented him from showing his best.

Arthur Xanthopoulos was rewarded for his fine form when he won the Soccer Press Association best under 23 player award.

He and evergreen **Steve Walker** — still a tower of strength — had a shaky start, but were unreproachable as the season wore on.

Wagstaff lifted 'Cross from rags to riches

Right back **Mike Pye** was a major avenue of attack, and he played his role admirably, as always.

Unfortunately, Hellas was not as well off on the left flank, where **Giovanni Batticciotto** started well but later lost his place.

Margaritis Hegegmanouil did relatively well there when he was shifted to left back. **John Daperis** and **Chris Kalafatidis** were also used there on occasions.

The injury to **Peter Bourne** early in the season was a hefty blow to Hellas.

After he returned to the side we really began to appreciate how much the team had missed his midfield guile.

John Kennedy had a great year in goal. In fact had it not been for him, Hellas would have lost a few of its close encounters.

For next season, Hellas hopes to sign Billy Rogers and Col Bennett from APIA, but it has given up hope of snaring Wollongong winger Phil O'Connor.

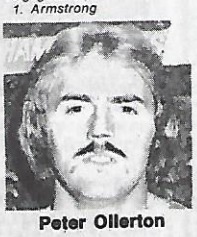
A few other players will probably be imported.

Without injury problems Hellas would probably have done even better this year.

Knowing the professionalism of the club's administration and its fierce ambition, we can bet that Hellas will be among the National League leaders in 1976, under the knowledgeable coaching of experienced **Manny Poulakakis.**

Goalscorers:
LEAGUE:
10. Ollerton
8. Armstrong, Cummings
3. Mackay
2. Andrews
1. Batticciotto, Bourne, Xanthopoulos Pye, Hagegmanouil, Walker, Aexiou.
DOCKERTY CUP:
4. Armstrong, Ollerton.
1. Bourne
AMPOL CUP:
7. Ollerton
4. Armstrong, Cummings.
FOR VICTORIA:
1. Ollerton.
FOR AUSTRALIA:
3. Ollerton.

Vote-getters in the JAT Player of the Year award:
19. Mackay
13. Xanthopoulos
9. Bourne
7. Cummings
5. Pye, Kennedy, Kalafatidis
4. Daperis, Walker
2. Ollerton, Andrews, Hagegmanouil.
1. Armstrong



Peter Ollerton

J.U.S.T.

Footscray JUST relied heavily on its mighty defence to keep it in second place on the ladder.

Dennis Boland was equal first in the Rothmans Goalkeeper of the Year voting; sweeper **Jim Kriaris** was excellent; **Jim Kondarios** was master of the air and scored some vital goals going up for corners and both full backs, **Alan Parrott** and **Andy Kazi** were steady as rocks.

Up front, J.U.S.T. once again lacked a strong man in the middle to take advantage of opportunities created from midfield.

The team lacked an opportunist of the type **Slobodan Zoraja** was in his best years.

Joe Palinkas, bought from St George, had a flying start, but his goalscoring prowess faded as the year went on.

Mendo Ristovski was disappointing for most of the season, as was **Branko Buljevic.**

Both were brilliant on their day, but those days were too few.

But as always, the individual flair of the J.U.S.T. players got the team out of hot water in many games.

Take for example the vital clash with Alexander, on which hung a place in the top four. **Buljevic** and **Ristovski** were at their best that day and thus J.U.S.T. survived the test.

J.U.S.T. blooded young players **Joe Picioane** and **Zoran Ilioski** in midfield, and both were successful.

Picioane was a vital man in the team for three quarters of the season, fading only towards the end.

His hard running and enthusiasm were valuable assets to the midfield, where **Frank Micic** was still irreplacable but not as mobile as he used to be.

Zoran Ilioski

Ilioski played cautiously for most of the year, doing everything coach **Cedo Cirkovic** asked of him, but in the latter weeks he became more adventurous and showed an exceeding amount of flair.

If he keeps it up, he'll be a truly great player.

Compliments must go to Cirkovic, who won the Soccer Press Association Coach of the Year award.

J.U.S.T. is expecting three players to arrive soon from Yugoslavia, to bolster the team for the National League next year.

J.U.S.T. has a tradition of excellence — a tradition which president **Tony Kovac** and his men are determined to maintain, no matter how strong the opposition.

Goalscorers:
LEAGUE:
7. Palinkas, Picioane
6. Ristovski
5. Buljevic
4. Kondarios
3. Micic
2. Kazi
1. Ristic
DOCKERTY CUP (excluding final):
3. Buljevic, Palinkas, Ristovski
1. Zoraja, Picioane, Kriaris.
AMPOL CUP:
3. Ristovski, Buljevic
2. Palinkas
1. Zoraja, Kondarios
FOR VICTORIA:
1. Buljevic, Ristovski.

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2. Micic.

MOOROOLBARK

Considering Mooroolbark has less players of excellence than Hellas and J.U.S.T. its performance was outstanding.

Dave Rigby and **Graham French** were undoubtedly two of the league's leading players — Rigby for his fine midfield play and French for his goalscoring prowess.

With 21 league goals, French won the National goalscorers' award, outscoring even the best strikers in Sydney and Melbourne.

He also picked up the $1000 cheque from Courage Breweries.

Mooroolbark used French to best advantage. Everyone looked for him up front — especially Rigby.

Sadly, the Barkers lost its long-serving centre back **Mike Plunkett,** who called it a day after failing to win a regular place in the team.

However, his replacement **Barry O'Toole,** was excellent.

A fringe player before this season, O'Toole justified coach **Archie Campbell's** confidence in him and became the key man in the Barkers' defence.

The team had a set-back when its imported goalkeeper **Malcolm Coville** returned to the UK after only a few weeks.

This gave Lou Ivanoff the opportunity to show his worth and he made everyone wonder why the club had bothered to import a goalkeeper in the first place.

A measure of Ivanoff's courage was that he played many games with a broken finger.

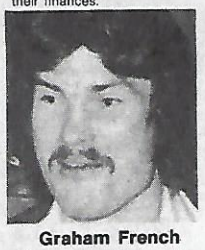
Joe Tront was a smashing success after a settling-in period following his arrival from the UK.

Tront was serviceable but inconspicuous on the wing but when Campbell moved him to midfield, he really blossomed.

But Mooroolbark's greatest asset was its faultless team spirit, the willingness by all the players to play for each other.

The Barkers are planning to buy a few players for next season. They've been talking about **Phil O'Connor** of Wollongong and they've even gone as far as contacting England star **Stan Bowles.**

If they are successful in luring Bowles here for a few games, they're sure to bolster their finances.



Graham French

Vote-getters in the JAT Player of the Year award:
29. Rigby
10. French
9 Tront
7. O'Toole
4. Plunkett
4. Coville, A. Pongho, Thom, Clarey
1. Vaughan, P. Ontong, Williamson, Ivanoff.

Goalscorers:
LEAGUE:
21. French
7 Clarey
3. P. Ontong, Thom
2. Vaughan
1. Rigby
DOCKERTY CUP:
1. French, Clarey, Ontong, Pongho
AMPOL CUP:.
2. french, Vaughan.
1. Clarey.
FOR VICTORIA:
2. French.

GEORGE CROSS

All praise to Ken Wagstaff, the George Cross player-coach.

Wagstaff arrived from Hull

Ken Wagstaff

City for the fifth round of the season, playing his first game against Hellas at Olympic Park.

George Cross had lost its previous four games, and had a goal average of 1:12

In his first game, Wagstaff scored a goal, as did **Paul Murphy,** who had returned to the Cross from Hellas, to hold Hellas to a narrow 3-2 victory.

The following week George Cross beat Polonia and it did not look back.

During Wagstaff's reign, the Cross lost only two games — including that first one against Hellas.

Murphy was as indispensible on the field as Wagstaff was off it.

The tenacious Irishman roughed up opposing defences with his toughness and tenacity, and created many scoring opportunities for Wagstaff, while scoring 11 himself.

Of the Cross' imports, **Robert Cullen** proved the best buy.

In fact, poll of **Soccer Action** writers rated him as the best left winger in Victoria.

Norm Maitland was one of the league's best centre backs, according to the men who know — those who played against him.

Derek Barron was a consistent springboard for attacks after Wagstaff moved him to left back, but the other imports, **Derek Doolan** and **Peter Ebini** did not do as well.

George Cross was unfortunate to lose midfield star **Kevin Walker** due to a knee injury. Had he been fit the Cross may have done even better.

All in all, it's sufficient to say that for many weeks, the Cross had the best attack in the league.

Goalscorers:
11. Murphy
10. Wagstaff
4. Cullen
3. Ebini
2. Walker, Webb
1. Doolan
AMPOL CUP:
2. Veljanovski
1. Mifsud, Deeming, Smart

Vote-getters in the JAT Player of the Year award:
18. Murphy
11. Cullen
7. Wagstaff
6. Barron
4. Walker, Webb
3. McConville, Doolan
2. Maitland
1. Mifsud, Ebini.

ALEXANDER

Having won the 1975 championship, Alexander was expected to do much better than finish fifth this year.

President Jim **Mangopoulos** has put the blame on the players. He said some of them did not try hard enough.

Alexander's downfall was its inability to put the ball into the net.

Coach **Jack Reilly** complained often that the team created countless opportunities, but that those opportunities were invariably squandered.

Stars of previous years — **Pat Bannon, Ian Gibson, George Gillan** and **Gary Cole** who had been bought from Wilhelmina — failed to reproduce their best form.

On the credit side, **Mike Glykokalamos** returned from Greece and proved the finest sweeper in the State League.

John Taylor, from Clyde in Scotland, also played some fine games and he'll be great in the National League when he's a little fitter.

Andrew Bozikas was another success story.

He was a steady sweeper before being moved back into attack, and even here he excelled.

Keith Webster had a great run midway through the season, giving his guts in some non-stop midfield performances, while **Vince Bannon** was steady as ever.

But the pluses failed to outweigh the minuses.

Now the club is looking for as many as seven players to ensure some sort of success in the National League.

Let's hope, for Alexander's sake, and for the sake of the league, that the recruiting drive proves fruitful.

Goalscorers:
LEAGUE:
9. Gibson
7. Gillan
5. Cole
2. Bannon, Nicholaides
1. Brand, Taylor, Webster.
DOCKERTY CUP:
2. Gillan
1. Gibson, Thomson, Nicolaides, Cole.
AMPOL CUP:
3. Cole.
2. Gibson.
1. Nicolaides

Vote-getters in the JAT Player of the Year award:
11. Webster
10. Glykokalamos
9. Gillan
7. V. Bannon
6. Bozikas
5. Cole, Gibson
4. Taylor
3. Blasby, P. Bannon.
2. Nelson.
1. Reilly, Rakovalis.

Hellas forward Jim Armstr
teammate Steve Walker (le
an

Sunshine's Steve Kokoska — winner of the Yugoslav Airlines Player of the Year award.

SUNSHINE

Sunshine spent 11 of the 22 weeks in the top four, but could not keep it up in the run home.

No-one really expected Sunshine to finish much higher than sixth, so it was a credit to the club that it was able to stand alongside the best in the league for so long.

Let's not forget that Sunshine was the only team to beat Hellas in the league — and it did so not once but twice.

Both wins were convincing and both were tributes to the tactics of coach **Bobby McLachlan.**

Kaz Klain, sweeper in 1975, was struck down by a serious illness and when he recovered he failed to gain a place in the team and was transferred back "home" to Kellor City.

Kaz Piotrowski, who scored five goals in the first few games, lost his place due

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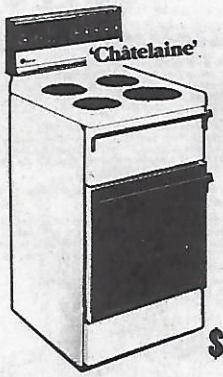

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is sandwiched between nd Pat Bannon of Alex-

injury and did not have the ame sharpness when he ame back.

Ray Pocock was injured uring the Ampol Cup series nd played only a couple of atches during the season.

Dave Anderson from Hong ong proved a valuable ncruit but he was able to stay nly 10 weeks, on loan.

The outstanding successes the Sunshine team were aptain and centre back **teve "Butch" Kokoska,** who on the Yugoslav Airlines layer of the Year Award, and **ommy Cumming.**

No player in the league is s indispensable to a club as okoska is to Sunshine.

Without this gutsy efender, Sunshine would ave finished much lower in e league.

Tommy "Atom Ant" Cumings, at 5 ft 4 ins the nallest man in the league, ad the biggest heart and the eatest fight.

He buzzed around in attack ke a lethal bee, taking on two nd three men at a time with s fantastic footwork, and coring 14 goals as well.

It will be a shame if Cumming and Kokoska do not move the National League next eason.

Goalscorers:

LEAGUE:
4. Cumming
5. Piotrowski
4. Petrov
2. Laing
1. McCarthy, McRobert, ewis, Pocock, Kokoska.

DOCKERTY CUP:
3. McRobert
2. Cumming
1. Kokoska, McCarthy, aing.

AMPOL CUP:
2. Pocock, Piotrowski, cRobert
1. Laing, Howe, Cumming.

Vote-getters in the JAT layer of the Year award:
19. Kokoska (winner)
7. Cumming
5. Anderson, McCarthy
3. Piotrowski, Mussel
2. Johnson
1. Petrov, Lewis, Dixey.

MAKEDONIA

Preston Makedonia nguished near the foot of e table until the club ought players.

John Bernard was bought om Sunshine and **Jim uinn, John McQuade** and **rian Flaherty** were imported om Scotland.

Earlier, Makedonia had own in **Beech** and **Daniels.**

Another factor in akedonia's ascendancy was e sudden aggressive form **Frank Campbell,** who conually moved up from efence to score winning oals.

Flaherty and Quinn also roved to be match winners nd McQuade a valuable entral striker.

In addition, **Steve Trajkovski** found his best form at full back, while **Tommy Fox** was toiling manfully in midfield, as he had always done.

But the star of Makedonia was undoubtedly goalkeeper Peter Laumets who justified the $7000 the club had paid Altona for him but saving Makedonia in all its close matches.

Laumets has a big future ahead. He may develop into the finest goalkeeper in Australia.

Vote-getters in the JAT Player of the Year award:
21. Laumets
11. Fox
10. McIntyre
9. Quinn
5. Bernard (all votes gained while with Sunshine).
4. Flaherty, McCracken
3. Jones, Campbell
2. McQuade, Trajkovski
1. Beech

Goalscorers:

LEAGUE:
6. Campbell, McIntyre
5. Bernard (3 while with Sunshine).
2. Daniels
1. Beech, Kotevski, McQuade, Quinn, Flaherty

DOCKERTY CUP
1 McIntyre

AMPOL CUP:
3. McIntyre
1. Blacker

FOR VICTORIA:
1. Bernard (while with Sunshine).

SLAVIA

Slavia once again suffered from its age-old malady — imported bachelors.

A team made up almost exclusively of young men flown over from England, with no ties in Australia, will never do exceptionally well, because they do not have the required stability.

Most are here for two years at the outside. They have no crowd to play for and their social lives often affect their playing form.

These things are understandable and unavoidable.

Another problem faced by Slavia coach **Ken Kontra** was the mass exodus of 1975 team members.

Among those who left are **Steve McCombe, Steve Moore, David Hughes, Bill Borland, Bill Whiteside, George Train, John Howie, Frank Campbell** and **Mike O'Hara.**

On top of all that, promising young forward **Bill Pinakos** was injured and missed the latter part of the season.

Replacements have included **Gilder, Ripley, Patten, Symington, Kelly, O'Halloran** and **Owens** but there wasn't really time to blend them all into a smooth team.

Jim Tansey had a great season, capped by his selection to the national team, and **Jim O'Reilly** made a big impression when he played for Victoria against the Italian Army.

Both Tansey, who won the 1976 Fleming Medal, and O'Reilly, want to move to National League clubs next season and if they do, Slavia must once again plug the gaps.

Goalscorers:

LEAGUE:
5. Patten
3. W. Pinakos, Gilder
2. Ripley, Tansey
1. Train, Cain, O'Halloran, Kelly.

DOCKERTY CUP:
2. O'Reilly
1. Patten, Pinakos, Tansey.

Vote-getters in the JAT Player of the Year award:
28. Tansey
9. O'Reilly
6. Symington, Train.
3. Murphy, D. Pye
2. Thompson, W. Pinakos, Owens.

RINGWOOD CITY

Ringwood City, which is phasing out the name Wilhelmina, spent the whole season in the middle of the table, although it managed a few outstanding performances against J.U.S.T. (2.0), Hellas (4-4), Sunshine (2-1) and George Cross (1-1).

A coaching change half way through saw **Terry Owen** make way for **Rudi van Altena** before **Norm Hobson** took over.

Ringwood again relied heavily on the opportunism of **Mike Lynn** who snatched nine goals, but winger **Chris Kent** who returned from England, did not show much after his hat-trick against Hellas.

Speedy **Phil Williamson** could not get a regular place in the team and **Bob Smith** was out injured for many weeks.

This left **Richard Plumb, who had a great season, and David Garthwaite,** to keep Ringwood going by defending well.

Keith Adams had a fine run until he too, was injured, and **Paul Holding** was also plagued by injury, forcing him to miss many games.

George Kreskas proved a handy buy from Alexander, scoring a few vital goals and **Hoyle** was also a handy asset.

Praise should also go to big **John Luyten,** the spare parts man.

Originally a centre back, he played at centre forward early in the season and then filled a midfield role. He was always capable and always gave his all.

Goalscorers:

LEAGUE:
9. Lynn
4. Kent, O'Callaghan
3. Luyten, Kreskas
1. williamson, Cankovic, Smith, Hoyle.

DOCKERTY CUP:
1. Holding

AMPOL CUP:
2. Lynn
1. Mullett, Brown.

Vote-getters in the JAT Player of the Year award:
11. Adams
10. Plumb
9. O'Callaghan
8. Kent
7. Garthwaite
6. Smith
4. Lynn
3. Holding
1. Luyten

JUVENTUS

Coach Milenko Rusmir, who took over from David Gorrie in the first few weeks, inherited all of Gorrie's headaches and it took a long time before the aches started to subside.

Juventus never recovered from the loss of **Sandy Irvine** who switched to Frankston, and forward **Dino DeMarchi** who retired to coach the reserves.

This left Juventus without a big man up front to score goals, and without its key defender.

Rusmir experimented with all kinds of combinations in defence before he put **Uli Pfisterer** in the sweeper's role to support **Pat Della Rocca.**

Uli Pfisterer

This partnership proved to be the answer and once it had established itself, Juventus' defence was sound once again.

Fausto Tarquinio also helped after he returned from injury. It was a shame that this great full back had his career interrupted for so long.

It took the team a long time to settle down and its early instability is reflected in its position on the table.

The midfield was unproductive for a long time, making it extremely difficult for forwards **Billy Vojtek,** who carried an injury, **Ulysses Kokkinos,** bought from Hellas, and **John Lucchesi.**

That does not, however, exonerate these forwards, who all had poor seasons.

Goalscorers:

LEAGUE:
6. Vojtek, Kokkinos.
3. C. Lucchesi
2. J. Lucchesi
1. Gorrie, Sabidussi.

DOCKERTY CUP:
2. C. Lucchesi
1. J. Lucchesi, Kokkinos

AMPOL CUP:
1. Vojtek.

Vote-getters in the JAT Player of the Year award:
11. Della Rocca
9. C. Lucchesi
7. Harby
6. Pfisterer
5. Sabidussi
4. Baravelli, Tarquinio, Marshall
3. Kokkinos, Vojtek, Sannipoli
2. Terzini
1. J. Lucchesi.

Slavia's Jim Tansey (left) and Mooroolbark's Dave Rigby — former team mates at South Liverpool in England.

HAKOAH

Hakoah started putting it together a little in the final weeks, but overall the team can best be described as dismal flop.

It certainly did not lack talented players.

David Baker, the 1975 Rothmans Medallist, **Jean Durand, John Wallace, Steve Gadsby, Slobodan Lukic** and **Stewart Blair** are all accomplished and experienced.

Enthusiasm seemed to be lacking most of all, and confidence and fight.

The departure of goalkeeper **Mike O'Hara** to England created another problem, as did **John**

The departure of goalkeeper **Mike O'Hara** to England created another problem, as did **John Fraser's** return to Scotland.

Coach **Sam Meyer** found it just as difficult as his predecessor **Sandy Henderson.**

I don't think Meyer has found the elusive answer yet. Let's hope we see a new-look Hakoah in 1976.

Goalscorers:

LEAGUE:
3. Roberts, Durand
2. Lukic, Wallace, Baker
1. Blair, Lapish, Edmondson, Dosen.

DOCKERTY CUP:
2. Roberts
1. Blair, Dosen, Donato

AMPOL CUP: 1. Gadsby, Dosen, Roberts.

Vote-getters in the JAT Player of the Year award:
10. Durand
8. Dosen
7. Baker
6. O'Hara, Jordanou
3. Gadsby, Edmondson
2. Blair, Wallace
1. Donato, Lukic.

POLONIA

Polonia was given a reprieve when it was readmitted to the State League to fill one of the four vacancies created by the exodus to the National League.

Jean Durand

The team responded by qualifying for the Dockerty Cup final — its greatest achievement since finishing second in 1968.

Now it's up to the Polonia committee.

I's been talking about importing a few players. Let's hope the club gets good ones who will lift Polonia higher up the ladder to a position befitting a club with Polonia's past glory.

Polonia also had a coaching switch during the year, when **John Grimsey** from Tasmania took over from player-coach **Eugene Lerch** who returned to Poland.

Lerch's departure cost Polonia dearly. He was so good a player that he probably would have won all the major player awards.

To make matters worse, **Andy Czapnik** was out injured for a long time.

The recruits from Keilor City didn't work out too well. **Eddy Kupisz,** who had some excellent games, was forced out through injury, as was **Wally Klain.**

Lenny van Leeuwen also missed games due to injury.

That left only **Stan Klain** with a regular place in the team, and he proved to be an outstanding right back.

Marian Jaworski was Polonia's best player, capably supported by **Eddy Marmur** and **Barney Klimecki** in defence.

George Nierobisz, also from Keilor City, was great in midfield, and **Hugh Humphries** got better and better as the season wore on.

Polonia was a sound unit at the end of the series and with one or two reinforcements, it should do much better in 1977.

Goalscorers:

LEAGUE:
5. Humphries
3. W. Klain
2. Lerch
1. Kupisz, Esposito, Lipiarski, van Leeuwen, Hortiniak, Nierobisz, Jaworski, Borucinski.

DOCKERTY CUP (excluding final):
2. Herman
1. Esposito, Kupisz, Hierobisz, Lipiarski, Humphries, Jaworski.

AMPOL CUP:
1. Herman

Vote-getters in the JAT Player of the Year award:
14. Marmur, Lerch
8. Czapnik
4. Kupisz
3. Dykun, Litwin
2. Herman, Nierobisz
1. Esposito, Jaworski, Borucinski.

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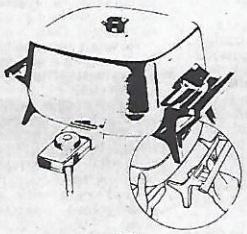

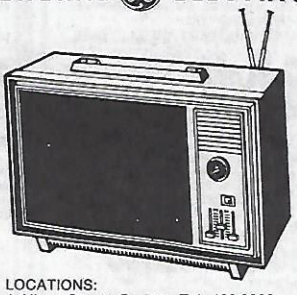

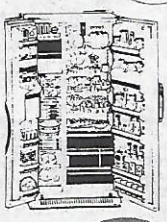

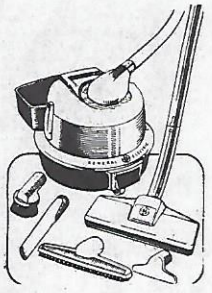

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SYDNEY

McQUIRE (4) (APIA)

UTJESENOVIC (8) (St George) — STOWELL (10) (P. Hellenic) — BELL (7) (P. Hellenic) — DEGNEY (10) (Marconi)

ROGERS (6) (APIA) — ROONEY (5) (APIA) — P. STONE (4) (Wests) — GROSSE (4) (St George)

WATSON (4) (Hakoah) — KEDDIE (6) (Marconi) — O'CONNOR (7) (Wollongong)

MELBOURNE

BOLAND (5) (JUST) — LAUMETS (5) (Makedonia)

ADAMS (4) (Ringwood) — KOKOSKA (7) (Sunshine) — TANSEY (5) (Slavia) — DURAND (5) (Hakoah)

PARROTT (4) (JUST) — KONDARIOS (JUST)

V. BANNON (4) (Alex)

MACKAY (6) (Hellas) — MURPHY (7) (G. Cross) — RIGBY (7) (M'bark)

PALINKAS (6) — FRENCH (6) — BULJEVIC (4) (JUST) — CULLEN (4) (G. Cross)

ITALIANS WANT A STRONG TEAM

By SAM BELFONTE

(Soccer Action photographer and long-suffering Juventus fan)

After its poor 1975 season, Juventus would according to the committee, make amends this year. In fact some went as far as saying that the club would win the championships.

I am a supporter who has followed this Italian team (my team) throughout the soccer season, and quite frankly, I've never been so disappointed.

I'm sure most of the other Italian supporters feel the same way.

We do not want this team playing so badly. We do not want Juventus losing almost every game in which it plays.

I appreciate that in most cases, the players probably did as well as they could. However, it's obvious that in some games they did not do so, resulting in absolute catastrophes.

In the second half of the season, we did have a few good games against top teams like Hellas, Alexander and Mooroolbark.

We even beat Mooroolbark 2-1 thanks to **Billy Vojtek's** two goals.

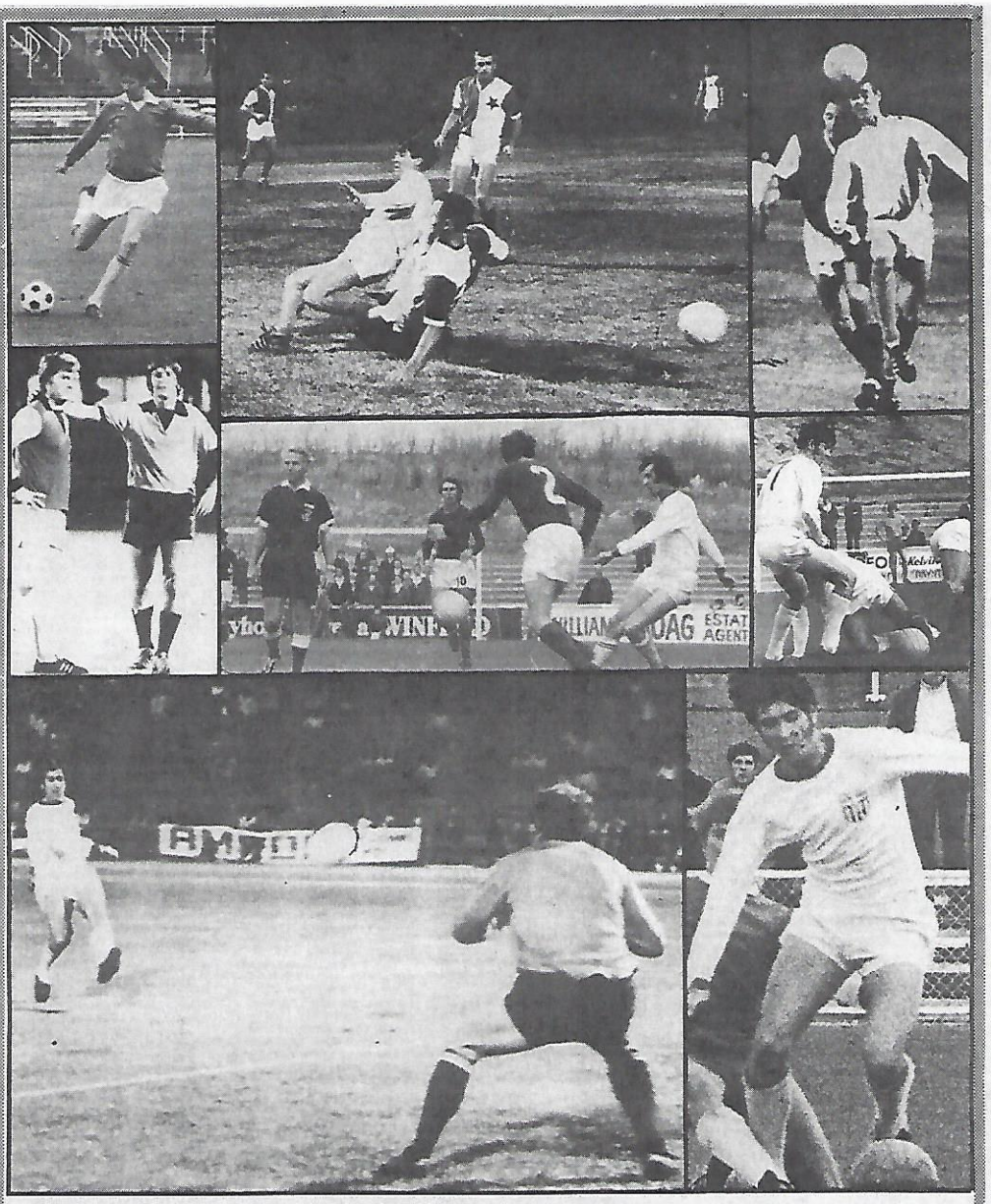
Obviously Juventus wants to preserve its good name and maintain its strong tradition, but only a different attitude by the players and by the committee can make this possible.

Obviously Juventus finished third last because it could not score goals, despite the fact that it played well in defence and reasonably in midfield.

In my view, a team that intends to be at the top needs a forward who can score 15 or 20 goals a season.

Juventus had the splendid idea of buying **Ulysses Kokkinos** from Hellas but he did not prove to be the man who can score the necessary goals, although he and **Vojtek** finished level as the club's top scorers.

I hope the committee spends up big next season to buy the forward who can do the job. The Italians want a strong team again. Don't let them down.



Jim Armstrong in pictures, top from left to right: launching a shot . . . tackled by former Slavia star Bill Cook . . . winning a heading duel . . . posing with George Cross' Norm Maitland, a tough opponent . . . getting in a pass under pressure from J.U.S.T.'s Alan Parrott . . . in a tangle with a teammate . . . shooting at Polonia's goalkeeper — big Szalinski . . . eluding a tackle.

142 GOALS—NOW HE'S SHOOTING FOR 200

He may be 33, but the State League's all-time leading goalscorer, Jim Armstrong, intends to play for another four or five years yet.

Armstrong is a physical education teacher at Kingswood College — a job that helps him keep fit.

"If you're fit you can play forever," he says.

But he's not sure what club he'll be with next year.

"I'll wait to see what the National League contracts are like," he says.

"If the contract Hellas offers does not suit me, I'll probably get a transfer to a State League club."

Armstrong's 142 league goals is the highest tally by a player in the 18-year history of the State League — and now he's shooting for 200.

His totals over the years have been: seven in 1966 (half season), 19 in '67, 13 in '68, 14 in '69, seven in '70, 14 in '71, 17 in '72, 13 in '73, 22 in '74, eight in '75 and eight this year.

He was top scorer in the league in 1972 and 1974.

Armstrong played Scottish Junior League football with Renfrew Juniors for two years before coming to Australia in 1966.

He was a wing half in Scotland and it was as a wing half that he joined Hakoah.

He trained with Hakoah while waiting for his clearance, but the club's coach at the time, Ollie Norris, told him he'd never make it — not even with a Metropolitan League club.

Norris had trouble with the committee and was replaced by **Manny Poulakakis**, who now coaches Hellas.

Armstrong's clearance arrived on the day Poulakakis took over, and the coach put him in the team — as a forward.

"I should have scored a hat-trick in that game, but I didn't get any," Armstrong recalls. "However, I got a hat-trick the following week."

Armstrong's highest tally in one match has been four goals and he's achieved the feat four times.

Looking back over his 11 years in the league, Armstrong rates **George Kinnell** (Juventus), **Alistair Scott** (Melbourne), **Norm Maitland** (George Cross) and his present day teammate **Steve Walker**, then with Lions, as the toughest defenders he's played against.

The tall striker with the kick of a mule stayed with Hakoah until 1970 when Hellas bought him for $5000. Steve Walker joined Hellas from Lions about the same time.

Armstrong has played for Victoria 10 times and has had six games with the national team — in the 1970 Friendship Cup tournament in Vietnam, and on the 1972 Asian tour.

"I was very disappointed when I was dropped from the squad," he says.

"The coach, **Rale Rasic**, said he wanted three goalkeepers, and that I was being dropped to make room for the Third, because I was the last player included.

"Yet after I dropped out, three other players came into the squad."

Armstrong rates his switch to Hellas and his games for Australia as the highlights of his career.

One of his biggest thrills was scoring the winning goal when Victoria beat Bristol Rovers 2-1 in 1974.

He is critical of the 1976 Hellas team, although it has won the championship by nine points.

"Our performance was very poor," he says. "We didn't play as a team, perhaps because of the new faces in the side.

"However, we won even though we played badly, and winning is what it's all about."

Armstrong rates the 1974 Hellas team as the best he's played in. The line-up was: **Fode, Batticciotto, Walker, Bedford, Pirzas, Marshall, Bourne, Daperis, Savage, Armstrong, Kokkinos.**

He said the present Hellas team probably has more ability, but hasn't shown it yet.

JUNIOR STANDINGS

VICTORIA

Final junior league ladders for 1976:

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UNDER 8

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Nunawading B	14	1	0	41	5	29
Waverley	10	1	4	31	9	21
Clayton	7	2	6	26	16	16
Rosanna	7	2	6	20	23	16
Box Hill B	2	3	10	5	38	7
Greensboro	0	1	14	1	35	1

UNDER 9

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melbourne	14	3	1	55	6	31
Eltham	11	4	3	32	13	26
Meadow Pk	11	3	4	48	15	25
Greensboro	9	7	2	24	8	25
Moreland	8	4	6	28	17	20
Rosanna	5	6	7	15	20	16
Broadmeadows	6	4	8	14	27	16
Coburg	5	5	8	12	25	15
Watsonia	1	3	14	1	33	5
Diamond Ck	0	1	17	1	67	1

UNDER 10 NTH

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Moreland	14	0	0	91	5	28
Juventus	9	2	3	42	11	20
Meadow Park	10	0	4	52	20	20
Fawkner	7	3	4	42	22	17
Essendon	7	1	6	44	22	15
Richmond	3	0	11	6	58	6
Keilor B	1	1	12	3	58	3
Moreland B	1	1	12	2	94	3

UNDER 10 STH

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Waverley A	12	2	0	59	7	26
Rosanna	11	2	1	73	8	24
Greensboro	10	1	3	35	10	21
Sth Melb	6	1	7	29	29	13
Eltham	4	2	8	12	49	10
Box Hill B	2	3	9	7	41	7
Doncaster B	2	2	10	5	50	6
Watsonia	0	5	9	3	29	5

UNDER 11 NTH

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Moreland	15	3	0	86	13	33
Broadmeadows	14	3	1	45	15	31
Thomastown	13	1	4	74	15	27
Debneys	9	5	4	76	19	23
Fawkner	10	1	7	55	21	21
Richmond	10	0	8	34	18	20
Kew Pk R	5	1	12	29	43	11
Heidelberg	3	1	14	31	30	7
Sth Melb B	3	1	14	27	68	7
Postal Institute	1	0	17	0	174	2

UNDER 11 STH

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Port Melb	15	0	1	119	10	30
Greensboro	11	4	1	43	14	26
Sth Melb A	11	2	3	71	23	24
Melbourne	9	2	5	41	39	20
Rosanna	9	1	6	61	27	19
Eltham	6	0	10	26	57	12
Waverley B	3	1	12	21	55	7
Doncaster B	2	0	14	10	85	4
Watsonia	1	0	15	8	93	2

UNDER 12 EAST

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melbourne	17	0	1	113	14	34
Greensboro	13	2	3	38	22	28
Sth Melb	11	2	5	63	29	24
Watsonia	10	2	6	47	24	22
Rosanna	10	1	7	38	33	21
Clifton Hill	7	3	8	26	44	17
Collingwood	4	5	9	19	57	13
Eltham	4	3	11	16	38	11
Port Melb	4	2	12	17	41	10
Diamond Ck	0	0	18	2	80	0

UNDER 12 WEST

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Coburg	12	1	1	57	11	25
Moreland	8	3	3	40	14	19
Thomastown	8	2	4	38	13	18
Juventus	9	0	5	39	20	18
Fawkner	7	2	5	42	18	16
Fitzroy	4	2	8	25	22	10
Postal Institute	3	0	11	34	101	6
Richmond	0	0	14	3	79	0

UNDER 13

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Box Hill A	17	0	1	90	15	34
Waverley A	16	1	1	92	4	33
Ring Cy A	11	2	5	67	35	24
Rosanna	10	2	6	51	33	22
Greensboro	8	5	5	43	24	21
Doncaster A	8	3	7	54	50	19
Watsonia	5	3	10	31	51	13
Kew Pk R	3	1	14	25	80	7
Nuna Cy A	3	0	15	21	62	6
Mitcham	0	1	17	7	125	1

UNDER 14 NTH

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Debneys	12	1	1	65	9	25
Fawkner	10	0	4	42	26	20
Moreland	9	1	4	34	23	19
Thomastown	7	1	6	27	20	15
Broadmeadows	7	0	7	37	38	14
Essendon	4	0	10	19	62	8
Ess City	2	1	11	17	57	5
Galveston	2	0	12	15	30	4

UNDER 14 STH

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Box Hill A	15	0	1	106	12	30
Melbourne	13	1	2	93	13	27
Doncaster A	13	0	3	55	16	26
Star Sport	7	2	7	14	45	16
Rosanna A	6	1	9	11	60	13
St Marks	5	1	10	11	46	11
Greensboro	5	0	11	17	69	10
Eltham	4	1	11	17	53	9
Debneys B	1	0	15	3	17	2

UNDER 15

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melbourne	17	0	1	96	9	34
Watsonia A	14	1	3	78	19	29
Box Hill	12	2	4	77	22	26
Rosanna A	11	2	5	48	16	24
Juventus	11	2	5	52	24	24
Rosanna B	7	2	9	42	42	16
Doncaster	7	1	10	36	47	15
Watsonia B	4	0	14	31	116	8
Diamond Ck	2	0	16	24	64	4
Nth Carlton	0	0	18	7	110	0

UNDER 16

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Doncaster	13	3	0	67	15	29
Box Hill	11	2	3	73	19	24
F.T. Gully	10	1	5	50	37	21
Waverley	9	1	6	33	29	19
Croydon	7	3	6	46	51	17
Rosanna	5	1	10	39	52	11
Greensboro	3	5	8	21	35	11
Kew Pk R	3	3	10	26	60	9
Monbulk	1	1	14	16	74	3

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UNDER 7 EAST

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bayswater	8	2	2	42	8	18
Ring Cy A	7	3	2	26	4	17
Moorool A	6	3	3	26	7	15
Doncaster A	6	3	3	18	8	15
Croydon A	4	4	4	16	11	12
Box Hill A	1	2	9	3	42	4
Nuna Cy A	1	1	10	1	52	3

UNDER 7 WEST

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Clayton	15	0	0	62	0	30
Moorool B	10	1	4	27	7	21
Nuna Cy B	7	1	7	17	27	15
Doncaster B	3	3	9	14	21	9
Ring Cy B	2	4	9	3	39	8
Croydon B	2	3	10	2	30	7

UNDER 8 WEST

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bayswater	16	1	1	43	1	33
Moorool A	14	2	2	47	11	30
Box Hill A	11	2	5	35	12	24
Croydon A	9	5	4	26	13	23
Nuna Cy A	8	2	8	14	15	18
Doncaster A	7	3	8	17	26	17
Melbourne A	4	5	9	16	22	13
Mitcham	4	3	11	14	30	11
Ring Cy A	2	3	13	9	39	7
Boronia	0	2	16	1	54	2

UNDER 8 EAST

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ring Utd A	14	1	1	44	2	29
F.T. Gully	10	3	3	28	5	23
Moorool B	10	2	4	23	11	22
Croydon B	7	2	7	23	16	16
Mulgrave	7	2	7	10	20	16
Melbourne B	5	3	8	5	22	13
Ring Cy B	2	4	10	5	29	8
Boronia B	2	2	12	7	11	6
Ring Utd B	0	4	12	2	36	4

UNDER 9 EAST

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Doncaster A	11	3	0	37	3	28
Croydon A	7	6	2	23	16	19
Ring Cy A	6	5	3	12	15	17
Nuna Cy A	6	3	5	12	12	15
Mooroolbark	4	4	6	10	16	12
Ring Utd	2	5	7	8	17	9
Bayswater	1	6	7	8	18	8
Boronia	2	3	9	3	17	7

UNDER 9 WEST

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Waverley	14	0	0	58	1	28
Nuna Cy B	9	3	2	28	12	21
Doncaster B	7	3	4	20	14	17
Mitcham	6	4	4	21	16	16
Clayton B	3	5	6	10	17	11
Box Hill B	3	4	7	10	19	10
Ring Cy B	2	3	9	4	31	7
Croydon B	0	2	12	1	36	2

UNDER 10 EAST

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bayswater B	14	1	1	57	11	29
F.T. Gully	11	1	4	34	14	23
Ring Cy B	9	4	3	35	11	22
Nuna Cy B	9	4	3	30	10	22
Moorool B	9	2	5	31	17	20
Mulgrave	6	2	8	21	28	14
Croydon B	2	2	12	11	46	6
Waverley B	1	4	11	10	56	6
Boronia	1	0	15	4	41	2

UNDER 10 WEST

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ring Cy A	12	0	4	33	12	24
Moorool A	11	1	4	35	7	23
Croydon A	10	3	3	35	13	23
Nuna Cy A	11	0	5	30	15	22
Bayswater A	7	2	7	22	20	16
Doncaster A	5	4	7	16	19	14
Box Hill A	4	4	8	19	27	12
Ringwood Utd	3	1	12	14	36	7
Boronia A	1	1	14	4	59	3

UNDER 11 EAST

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croydon	14	0	0	79	3	28
Springvale B	10	2	2	34	15	22
Box Hill B	5	4	5	14	18	14
Nuna Cy B	5	3	6	14	16	13
Ringwood Cy	4	3	7	14	23	11
Bayswater B	4	2	8	15	29	10
Moorool B	3	4	7	9	35	10
Boronia	1	2	11	6	36	4

UNDER 11 WEST

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bayswater A	15	1	2	85	14	31
Waverley A	11	3	4	48	23	25
Ringwood Utd	11	3	4	46	22	25
Box Hill A	8	5	5	32	20	21
Doncaster A	7	3	8	26	21	17
Clayton A	6	4	8	29	41	16
Nuna Cy A	5	5	8	27	32	15
F.T. Gully	5	4	9	31	51	14
Moorool A	4	5	9	22	43	13
Mitcham	1	1	16	3	77	3

UNDER 12 EAST

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Moorool B	10	1	1	52	7	21
Nuna Cy B	9	2	1	31	5	20
Mulgrave	7	1	4	37	25	15
Croydon	7	1	4	37	26	15
Waverley B	3	1	8	12	21	7
Boronia	1	3	8	13	40	5
Monbulk	0	1	11	7	65	1

UNDER 12 WEST

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Nuna Cy A	13	0	1	71	6	26
Waverley A	9	3	2	35	15	21
Moorool A	10	0	4	33	12	20
Bayswater	7	2	5	42	15	16
Box Hill A	5	4	5	26	31	14
F.T. Gully	2	3	9	15	58	7
Ringwood Cy	1	3	10	10	57	5
Doncaster A	1	1	12	6	45	3

UNDER 13

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croydon	17	0	1	100	5	34
Moorool A	14	1	3	85	19	29
Ringwood Utd	13	2	3	22	19	28
Bayswater	13	0	5	73	19	26
Mordialloc	9	2	7	34	23	20
Waverley C	8	1	9	29	47	17
Box Hill B	3	3	12	21	65	9
Moorool B	4	0	14	23	81	8
Ring Cy B	2	1	15	13	120	5
Doncaster	1	2	15	7	64	4

UNDER 14

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croydon	15	0	1	67	6	30
Waverley B	13	2	1	61	12	28
Bayswater	10	2	4	47	22	22
Box Hill B	9	1	6	27	29	19
Ringwood Utd	8	2	6	39	19	18
Doncaster B	4	0	12	23	52	8
F.T. Gully	3	2	11	22	53	8
Boronia	3	2	11	18	54	8
Monbulk	1	1	14	7	57	3

UNDER 15

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Mooroolbark	16	0	0	70	8	32
Nunawading	11	2	3	44	19	24
Bayswater	9	3	4	55	20	21
Waverley	9	1	6	56	40	19
Croydon	7	3	6	49	37	17
Clayton	5	4	7	29	36	14
Mitcham	3	1	12	25	59	7
Boronia	3	1	12	24	76	7
Ringwood Cy	1	1	14	20	78	3

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UNDER 8

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Green Gully	13	0	1	58	4	26
Sun Hts A	13	0	1	55	4	26
Albion	9	1	4	31	13	19
Altona	7	0	7	19	25	14
Werribee	4	3	7	7	21	11
Mossfiel	2	2	10	6	42	6
Melton	1	3	10	3	40	5
St Albans	1	3	10	1	32	5

UNDER 9 EAST

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sunshine Hts	13	2	0	32	3	28
Albion	9	3	3	40	9	21
Werribee	7	4	4	19	13	18
Sunshine Cy	5	4	6	10	10	14
Altona	2	1	12	5	34	5
West Newport	1	2	12	2	37	4

UNDER 9 WEST

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melton	11	3	1	32	4	25
Green Gully	10	1	4	35	12	21
Essendon	7	3	5	18	22	17
West United	7	1	7	29	21	15
Ardeer	1	5	9	5	29	7
Sunbury	1	3	11	5	36	5

UNDER 10 EAST

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Green Gully	8	4	3	29	8	20
Cen Altona	6	7	2	21	11	19
Altona	6	6	3	20	16	18
West Newport	6	4	5	17	15	16
Werribee	3	3	9	14	28	9
Keilor	3	2	10	3	26	8

UNDER 10 WEST

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Albion	8	3	1	20	5	19
St Albans	5	4	3	19	11	14
Melton	4	5	3	9	11	13
Sunshine Cy	2	4	6	11	18	8
Sunshine Hts	2	2	8	7	20	6

UNDER 11 EAST

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sun Hts A	10	1	1	63	6	21
Geelong	9	1	2	56	6	19
Altona A	8	2	2	41	7	18
Sunshine Cy	6	0	6	30	20	12
Mossfiel	4	1	7	18	24	9
Werribee	2	0	10	7	69	4
Ascot	0	1	11	2	75	1

UNDER 11 WEST

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sunbury	12	2	0	46	4	26
Sun Hts B	9	2	3	30	10	20
Melton	7	3	4	13	6	17
West Subs	6	3	5	18	17	15
Kensington	5	2	7	16	16	12
Green Gully	3	4	7	11	22	10
Altona B	2	2	10	11	45	6
Keilor	1	4	9	4	22	6

UNDER 12 EAST

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Green Gully	13	2	1	69	6	28
Footscray	13	1	2	60	8	27
Keilor City	12	0	4	49	16	24
Essendon	10	2	4	46	12	22
Keilor	7	1	8	36	32	15
Hotham	3	3	10	6	37	9
Ardeer	3	3	10	9	69	9
Altona	2	3	11	10	42	7
Melton A	0	3	13	7	70	3

UNDER 12 WEST

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sun Cy A	12	4	0	41	6	28
Altona A	12	3	1	56	15	27
Melton B	9	3	4	39	13	21
St Albans	8	2	6	32	14	18
Sunshine Hts	7	2	7	42	37	16
Albion	6	0	10	25	37	12
Werribee	4	3	9	10	29	11
Mossfiel	3	3	10	18	45	9
West United	0	2	14	7	79	2

UNDER 13 NTH

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Coburg	13	4	1	79	10	30
Altona A	11	4	3	57	11	26
Moreland	11	4	3	32	15	26
Sun Hts A	10	4	4	48	20	24
Ascot	7	5	6	30	18	19
Albion	8	3	7	41	28	19
Keilor	5	4	9	31	40	14
Fawkner	4	2	12	15	56	10
Broadmeadows	2	4	12	20	68	8
Essendon Cy	1	2	15	7	84	4

UNDER 13 STH

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Green Gully	14	4	0	72	4	32
Kensington	11	4	3	57	20	26
Melton	8	7	3	33	21	23
St Albans	10	1	7	37	20	21
West Subs	7	6	5	44	24	20
Sunshine Cy	7	6	5	33	26	20
Mossfiel	6	4	8	24	38	16
Sth Melb B	4	3	11	34	47	11
Sun Hts B	4	2	12	16	65	10
Altona B	0	1	17	6	93	1

UNDER 14

	W	D	L	F	A	P
St Albans	15	3	0	71	6	33
Mossfiel	15	2	1	66	14	32
Sun Hts A	12	4	2	61	9	28
Altona A	11	1	6	49	17	23
Green Gully	8	3	7	33	28	19
West Subs	6	5	7	42	17	17
Ardeer	6	1	11	31	26	13
Keilor	5	1	12	19	49	11
Werribee	1	1	16	8	103	3
Sunbury	0	1	17	5	111	1

UNDER 15

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sunshine Hts	15	1	0	70	8	31
Keilor	14	1	1	69	7	29
Coburg A	9	1	6	44	29	19
Mossfiel	6	3	7	38	28	15
George X	6	3	7	45	44	15
Albion	7	1	8	30	37	15
Altona	6	1	9	34	38	13
Dallas	3	1	12	17	59	7
Coburg B	0	0	16	1	99	0

UNDER 16

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Coburg	15	1	2	44	10	31
Essendon	12	3	3	46	21	27
Albion	11	4	3	37	18	26
Fawkner	11	1	6	45	25	23
Altona	8	5	5	18	17	21
Moreland	8	3	7	23	35	19
St Albans	7	4	7	26	42	18
Broadmeadows	2	3	13	15	49	7
Galveston	1	2	15	8	35	4
Ascot	1	2	15	10	20	4

PENINSULA

UNDER 8

	W	D	L	F	A	P
F. Pines	11	3	2	33	5	25
Peninsula	9	3	4	25	17	21
Brighton	8	5	3	29	20	21
Seaford	7	6	3	27	14	20
Karingal	7	5	4	28	17	19
Cranbourne	3	6	7	11	23	12
Mornington	4	2	10	9	31	10
Overport	2	5	9	5	22	9
Doveton	2	3	11	8	31	7

UNDER 9 NTH

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Clayton	14	0	0	79	4	28
Brighton	8	4	2	29	5	20
Beaumaris B	7	4	3	18	11	18
Doveton	5	3	9	20	15	13
Springvale	4	4	6	15	34	12
Beaumaris A	2	7	5	10	22	11
Sandringham	3	2	9	13	49	8
Berwick	0	2	12	3	53	2

UNDER 9 STH

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Peninsula	11	2	1	36	5	24
Karingal	6	4	4	20	12	16
Overport	7	2	5	20	15	16
Seaford	6	3	5	21	15	15
F. Pines	4	7	3	13	9	15
Cranbourne	4	4	6	13	20	12
Rosebud	2	7	5	11	21	11
Mornington	1	1	12	4	41	3

UNDER 10 NTH

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Doveton	13	1	0	58	4	27
Dandy Cy	8	2	4	19	14	18
Nth Dandy	7	3	4	29	9	17
Springvale	6	3	5	21	18	15
Beaumaris	6	3	5	21	23	15
Brighton	3	2	9	9	25	8
Caulfield	2	3	9	13	36	7
Karingal B	2	1	11	6	40	5

UNDER 10 STH

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Seaford	13	0	1	71	5	26
Peninsula	12	1	1	59	7	25
Mornington	10	1	3	42	10	21
Karingal A	5	1	8	20	33	11
Overport	4	2	8	21	28	10
F. Pines	4	1	9	20	30	9
Cranbourne	3	0	11	5	48	6
Chelsea	2	0	12	5	82	4

UNDER 11 NTH

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Doveton	14	2	0	93	8	30
Springvale	11	2	3	86	12	24
Dandy Cy	10	2	4	47	17	22
Brighton	10	1	5	43	16	21
Caulfield	8	4	4	46	14	20
Beaumaris	6	1	9	22	45	13
Nth Dandy	4	0	12	10	59	8
Berwick	3	0	13	8	65	6
Clayton B	0	0	16	1	131	0

UNDER 11 STH

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Karingal	14	1	1	76	10	29
F. Pines	13	2	1	39	6	28
Overport	13	1	2	64	6	27
Cranbourne	8	1	7	30	25	17
Peninsula	6	1	9	25	47	13
Seaford	5	1	10	18	42	11
Rosebud	3	2	11	18	48	8
Mornington	2	2	12	19	50	6
Langwarrin	2	1	13	7	62	5

UNDER 12 NTH

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Doveton	13	0	1	63	6	26
Springvale	11	0	3	49	9	22
Dandy Cy	11	0	3	70	20	22
Brighton	8	0	6	62	21	16
Beaumaris	6	1	7	35	23	13
Hampton	4	1	9	8	43	9
Mordialloc	2	0	12	15	70	4
Sandringham	0	0	14	0	113	0

UNDER 12 STH

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Overport	13	2	1	76	4	28
Seaford	12	2	2	49	10	26
Langwarrin	11	2	3	55	17	24
F. Pines	10	2	4	54	11	22
Peninsula	10	0	6	48	26	20
Karingal	5	1	10	17	65	11
Chelsea	2	3	11	15	39	7
Cranbourne	1	2	13	5	86	4
Mornington	0	2	14	4	65	2

UNDER 13 NTH

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sth Melb	18	0	0	84	12	36
Seaford	13	1	4	48	18	27
Karingal	13	0	5	62	29	26
Springvale	10	1	7	55	24	21
Clayton A	8	5	5	42	27	21
Melbourne	6	2	10	45	24	14
Waverley B	4	3	11	22	54	11
Beaumaris	4	3	11	14	51	11
Doveton A	3	4	11	27	47	10
Brighton	1	1	16	11	123	3

UNDER 14 NTH

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Doveton	14	1	1	98	13	29
Nuna Cy A	13	1	2	77	12	27
Brighton	12	0	4	49	19	24
Waverley A	11	1	4	60	36	23
Caulfield	7	0	9	35	40	14
Springvale	5	1	10	33	41	11
Peninsula B	4	1	11	33	53	9
Dandy Cy	3	1	12	40	55	7
Salesian Coll	0	0	16	4	141	0

UNDER 14 STH

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Peninsula A	14	2	0	85	9	30
Overport	10	4	2	76	23	24
Seaford	10	1	5	62	29	21
Karingal	9	3	4	56	32	21
F. Pines	8	3	5	57	21	19
Rosebud	7	2	7	38	43	16
Chelsea	3	1	12	18	82	7
Sth Dandy	3	0	13	25	49	6
Cranbourne	0	0	16	9	138	0

UNDER 15

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Peninsula	11	5	0	40	10	27
Doveton	11	2	3	50	17	24
Nth Dandy	10	3	3	48	20	23
Caulfield	10	1	5	69	20	21
Brighton B	6	6	4	52	24	18
Springvale	7	1	8	63	24	15
Karingal	5	2	9	45	44	12
Beaumaris	2	0	14	8	124	4
Brighton W	0	0	16	0	97	0

UNDER 16

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melbourne	14	1	1	75	5	29
Nunawading	13	2	1	48	5	28
F. Pines	12	1	3	65	13	25
Karingal	9	0	7	37	33	18
Springvale	7	0	9	37	42	14
Doveton	6	1	9	33	33	13
Beaumaris	3	3	10	20	64	9
Overport	2	1	13	18	67	5
Keysboro	1	1	14	9	80	3

Victorian junior league champions and runners-up for 1976:

LALOR

Under 8: League champion Green Gully, runner up Sunshine Hts A.

Under 9 east: League champion Sunshine Hts, runner up Albion.

Under 9 west: League champion Melton, runner up Green Gully.

Under 10 east: League champion Green Gully, runner up Central Altona.

Under 10 west: League champion Albion, runner up St Albans.

Under 11 east: League champion Sunshine Hts A, runner up Geelong.

Under 11 west: League champion Sunbury, runner up Sunshine Hts B.

Under 12 east: League champion Green Gully, runner up Footscray.

Under 12 west: League champion Sunshine Cy A, runner up Altona A.

Under 13 nth: League champion Coburg, runner up Altona A.

Under 13 south: League champion Green Gully, runner up Kensington.

Under 14: League champion St Albans, runner up Mossfiel.

Under 15: League champion Sunshine Hts, runner up Keilor.

Under 16: League champion Coburg, runner up Essendon.

YARRA

Under 8: League champion Nunawading Cy B, runner up Waverley.

Under 9: League champion Melbourne, runner up Eltham.

Under 10 north: League champion Moreland, runner up Juventus.

Under 10 south: League champion Waverley A, runner up Rosanna.

Under 11 south: League champion Port Melbourne, runner up Greensborough.

Under 11 north: League champion Moreland, runner up Broadmeadows.

Under 12 east: League champion Melbourne, runner up Greensborough.

Under 12 west: League champion Coburg, runner up Moreland.

Under 13: League champion Box Hill A, runner up Waverley A.

Under 14 north: League champion Debneys, runner up Fawkner.

Under 14 south: League champion Box Hill, runner up Melbourne.

Under 15: League champion Melbourne, runner up Watsonia.

PENINSULA

Under 8: League champion Frankston Pines, runner up Peninsula.

Under 9 north: League champion Clayton, runner up Brighton.

Under 9 south: League champion Peninsula, runner up Karingal.

Under 10 north: League champion Doveton, runner up Dandenong City.

Under 10 south: League champion Seaford, runner up Peninsula.

Under 11 north: League champion Doveton, runner up Springvale.

Under 11 south: League champion Karingal, runner up Frankston Pines.

Under 12 north: League champion Doveton, runner up Springvale.

Under 12 south: League champion Overport, runner up Seaford.

Under 13 north: League champion South Melbourne, runner up Seaford.

Under 13 south: League champion Overport, runner up Dandenong City.

Under 14 north: League champion Doveton, runner up Nunawading.

Under 14 south: League champion Peninsula, runner up Overport.

Under 15: League champion Peninsula, runner up Doveton.

Under 16: League champion Melbourne, runner up Nunawading.

DANDENONG

Under 7 east: League champion Bayswater, runner up Ringwood City A:

Under 7 west: League champion Clayton, runner up Mooroolbark B.

Under 8 east: League champion Ringwood Utd A, runner up Ferntree Gully.

Under 8 west: League champion Bayswater, runner up Mooroolbark A.

Under 9 east: League champion Doncaster A, runner up Croydon A.

Under 9 west: League champion Waverley, runner up Nunawading Cy B.

Under 10 east: League champion Bayswater B, runner up Ferntree Gully.

Under 10 west: League champion Ringwood Cy A, runner up Mooroolbark A.

Under 11 east: League champion Croydon, runner up Springvale.

Under 11 west: League champion Bayswater, runner up Waverley.

Under 12 east: League champion Mooroolbark B, runner up Nunawading Cy B.

Under 12 west: League champion Nunawading Cy A, runner up Waverley A.

Under 13: League winner Croydon, runner up Mooroolbark A.

Under 14: League champion Croydon, runner up Waverley B.

Under 15: League champion Mooroolbark, runner up Nunawading City.

LATROBE VALLEY

Final Latrobe Valley tables:

UNDER 8 EAST ZONE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
St Thomas Sham.	2	1	1	38	6	25
Morw. Falc.	8	3	9	23	6	19
Morw. Peg.	9	0	5	24	20	18
Morw. Rang.	7	2	5	28	17	16
Morw. Fort.	5	2	7	9	15	12
Sale Cy Eagl.	4	3	7	8	15	11
Traralgon Cy	3	3	8	8	17	9
St Th. Rollers	0	2	12	0	42	2

UNDER 8 WEST ZONE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Monash	14	0	2	92	4	28
Moe United	11	3	2	82	5	25
Churchill City	10	4	2	72	8	24
Warragul United	11	2	3	91	14	24
Yallourn	6	4	6	24	38	16
Newborough United	5	4	7	12	43	14
Moe United Rapids	2	1	13	6	76	5
Churchill	2	0	14	3	95	4
Yallourn Celtics	1	2	13	1	100	4

UNDER 10 EAST ZONE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sale Cy Eagles	12	3	2	89	16	27
Morwell Pegasus	13	1	3	64	19	27
Morwell Falcons	10	2	5	43	13	22
Morwell Rangers	10	2	5	60	26	22
Morwell Fal Hawks	8	3	6	56	26	19
Traralgon City	7	4	6	54	35	18
Sale Cy Swans	5	1	11	28	56	11
Traral Cy Colts	4	0	13	15	21	8
Bairnsdale	3	0	14	8	99	6
St Thomas S'rocks	1	0	16	1	107	2

UNDER 10 WEST ZONE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Yallourn	14	0	2	67	7	28
Moe United	11	4	1	42	7	26
Newborough United	11	3	2	56	9	25
Warragul United	9	5	2	48	7	23
Churchill	6	3	7	29	26	15
Churchill City	6	0	10	18	28	12
Monash	5	1	10	13	43	11
Yallourn Celtics	2	0	14	6	63	4
Moe United Rapids	0	0	16	5	94	0

UNDER 12 EAST ZONE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sale Cy Eagles	13	0	1	64	13	26
Morwell Falcons	12	1	1	79	9	25
Morwell Pegasus	9	1	4	62	12	19
Traralgon Cy	8	0	6	26	18	16
Morwell Rangers	7	0	7	55	37	14
Morwell Fal Hawks	2	2	10	16	48	6
Sale Cy Swans	2	2	10	16	86	6
Morwell Fortuna	0	0	14	8	93	0

UNDER 12 WEST ZONE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Moe United	16	0	0	144	17	32
Monash	12	1	3	95	23	25
Churchill	11	0	5	94	21	22
Monash Wanderers	9	2	5	94	37	20
Newborough United	8	2	6	102	42	18
Warragul United	7	1	8	82	60	15
Yallourn	4	0	12	33	108	8
Moe United Rapids	2	0	14	4	163	4
Drouin United	0	0	16	2	179	0

UNDER 14 EAST ZONE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Traralgon City	11	0	1	54	11	22
Morwell Rangers	9	1	2	50	31	19
Morwell Falcons	6	1	5	26	8	13
Morwell Fortuna	4	3	5	32	36	11
Bairnsdale United	4	1	7	23	41	9
Bairnsdale	3	2	7	21	36	8
Sale City	0	2	10	11	54	2

UNDER 14 WEST ZONE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Warragul United	10	1	3	70	20	21
Monash	10	1	3	68	31	21
Yallourn	9	1	4	57	20	19
Moe United	8	3	3	58	29	19
Newborough United	7	2	5	51	25	16
Churchill	5	0	9	58	57	10
Leongatha	2	1	11	17	89	5
Yallourn Nth Rovers	0	1	13	11	87	1

UNDER 16

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Morwell Falcons	15	1	0	118	4	31
Newborough United	14	1	1	115	5	29
Yallourn	11	1	4	99	21	23
Monash	9	1	6	42	48	19
Traralgon Cy	7	0	9	51	59	14
Morwell Pegasus	6	0	10	41	48	12
Bairnsdale United	5	0	11	15	34	10
Drouin United	3	0	13	19	197	6
St Patrick College	0	0	16	3	87	0

L.V. CUP FINALS RESULTS: Under 8 St Thomas Shamrocks 1 Moe United 0, Under 10 Sale City Eagles 2 Moe United 0, Under 12 Churchill 1 Monash 0, Under 14 Moe United 4 Morwell Falcons 3, Under 16 Yallourn 4 Morwell Falcons 3.

L.V. CHAMPIONS OF CHAMPIONS: Under 8 Monash 2 St Thomas Shamrocks 2 (after extra time) Monash winners after scoring penalties. Under 10 Sale City Eagles 2 Yallourn 0, Under 12 Sale City Eagles 1 Moe United 1 (after extra time) Sale winners after penalty kicks. Under 14 Warragul United 4 Traralgon 2.

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St George star, Neville Morgan, is one of Australia's best — but underrated — forwards.

Morgan finished the 1976 season with 18 goals, to be the top scorer in Sydney.

He has spent his whole career with St George — coming up through its junior ranks.

Many Sydney and Melbourne fans believe Morgan should be a member of the Australian squad, but this is something that has eluded him.

Former National coach and now Marconi leader, **Rale Rasic**, describes Morgan as the best striker in Sydney soccer.

Anyone wishing to ask Neville a question can write to him, C/- **Soccer Action**, 250 Spencer St, Melbourne.

Australian striker **Peter Ollerton** is our guest again this week, and his interview appears below.

Q: Who is the hardest opponent, and the hardest side, you have played against? (Question by Sammy Smith, Edgecliff Rd, Woollahra, NSW).

A: The hardest player I have come up against would be **Manfred Schaefer**, who now coaches St George.

I used to enjoy fronting up against him as it was a challenge, and I'd try that little bit harder to do well.

We get on well as friends, but he doesn't give you an inch on the park. Whenever I clash with someone who has always had the better of me, I move around, get out of position and find that little extra.

Sunshine would be the side that I, and the whole Hellas side, have had the most trouble with.

We have never seemed to do well against them for some reason. **Steve Kokoska** has always seemed to have the edge over me.

Q: Which player overseas and also in Australia do you admire most of all? (Question by Steve Papagoes, Old South Head Rd, Rose Bay, NSW).

A: **Bob Charlton** has been my favorite international player.

I have always liked him, and he's had a big influence on my career.

Jim Rooney is my pin up boy in Australia. He is the player who will give a 110 per cent effort all the time — he never just gives what is expected.

Rooney is likeable, is a team man and is full of spirit.

Jim Mackay has tremendous skills and **Murray Barnes** is an underrated player.

Q: What was your most exciting moment in soccer? (Question by Boyd Massina, Harfleur St, Deniliquin, NSW).

A: It was in my first international against Uruguay in Sydney.

We won 2-0, and I scored the second goal. The game was at the Sydney Cricket Ground, and there was a crowd of about 45,000.

Other thrilling moments were when I came on as a substitute against West Germany and Chile in World Cup matches.

Q: What are the best countries you have visited, soccerwise and scenerywise? (Question by Stan Burgles, Parramatta Rd, Leichhardt, NSW).

A: You couldn't go past Germany for soccer. It was a fantastic feeling watching the World Cup there.

The scenery in Israel is beautiful. It's tremendous seeing the sights of Bethlehem and Jerusalem.

Q: How will Australia go in the 1978 World Cup? (Question by Alan Williams, Ballarat Rd, Sunshine, Vic).

A: With our share of luck we could qualify for the finals. It's a young and potentially strong squad. If we play like we have over the past nine months, then we'll have a show.

We must approach our games positively. Whoever we meet we should go hard at them, and let teams worry about us.

That's when we will get results.

Sunshine Heights under 9s back row from Left: D. Portelli, P. Sammut, S. Larkins, S. Cross, M. Davenport, E. Perez, H. Delbasic, B. Smith, D. Chapman. Front: C. Ciantar, T. Tirrabassi, Mr. A. Davenport (manager), M. Zulli, Mr. J. Zulli (coach), A. Spiteri, S. Dorogi, A. Zulli (team mascot). Missing from the line-up J. Moody.

Heights win three titles

Sunshine Heights will never forget season 1976. It has been perhaps the best year yet in the club 16-year history.

The 'Heights' boys won the Lalor Region U9, U11 and U15 championships.

They have also finished runners-up in the other U11 section and U8 age group.

The club has also produced three Victorian Cup finalists — the U11 "A", U14 and the cup record breaker, the U15 side.

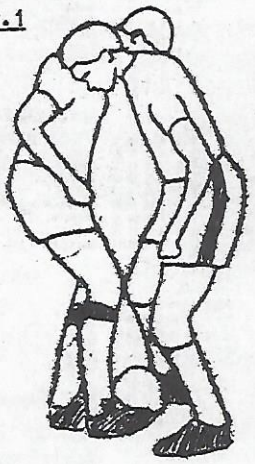
The U15 side has now won its section seven years running. It has also won five Victorian Cups and this is its sixth time in the final.

Sunshine Heights under 11A team: Back row from left: S. Cutajar, T. Creo, J. Krnac, M. Aguia, D. Smith, C. Douglas, E. Bresac. Front: A. Farrugia, J. Tirrabassi, J. Krolla, Mr. C. Scerri (Coach), J. Bruno, and R. D'Antonio. Missing from this line up are S. Bosnar and J. Kelly.

MIGHTY JUVENTUS WON EVERY GAME

Juventus under 14s had a perfect record in the league. They won every one of their games! The team is, top row from left: G. Biasol (coach), F. Incantalupo, D. Biasotto, R. Trafficante, L. Luchetti, J. Angele, E. Matutini, N. Pane, G. Incantalupo (Secretary). Front: Z. Fujto, S. Ciccone, F. Angele, M. Biasol, V. Muscari, G. Yangoulli, P. Carlei.

Fig.1



There are several techniques which are used in tackling, (a) the front block tackle (b) the side block tackle, and (c) the sliding tackle.

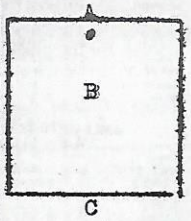
When using the front block tackle the tackling foot should be turned outwards so that contact with the ball is made with the inside of the foot.

The knee should be slightly flexed and the muscles of the leg firmly contracted. To be in the strongest position to win the tackle the body should be over the ball at contact, as in Fig. 1.

Once a player has decided to tackle, and this decision will be influenced by several factors, he should be determined to win the ball and not just impede his opponent.

Players who tackle half heartedly will not win the ball and may suffer injury as a result. So remember, tackle hard and fairly for the best results.

Practice 1



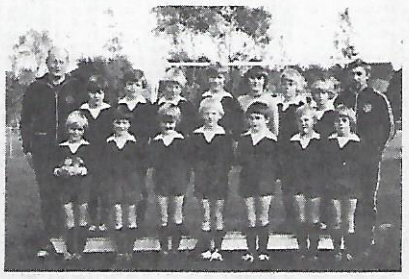
To practice "one", players A and C take it in turns to try and dribble past defender B. Players A and C have five goes each before one of them changes with player B. Keep a score and see who wins the most number of tackles.

Pipped at post

Mooroolbark's under 8A team was unlucky not to win the championship.

With a record of 14 wins, two draws and only one loss before the last game, the Barkers were pipped at the post when they lost to Bayswater.

The main thing, though, was that the boys continued to learn and work together as a team.



Mooroolbark's under 8A team, back row from left: John Mantel (coach), Gary Wilkinson, Trevor Scanlon, Robert Mantel, Robert Gobbing, Barry Hayes, Mark Philips, Matthew Hogg, Ron Ashworth (Manager). Front row: Stuart Wilson, Paul O'Callaghan, Andrew Mirams, Michael Tindley, Martin Blumi, David Ashworth, Martin Spurway.

Unbeaten in 41 matches

The Karingal United under 11 side is mightly hard to toss.

Its record bears out that fact.

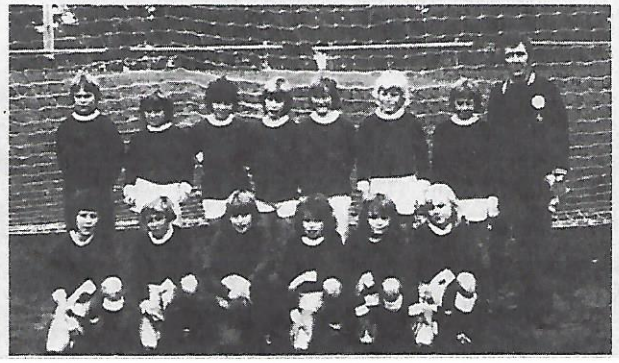
The current under 11 team holds a record of playing 41 league games without conceding defeat.

As under 7's and 8's the boys won the Southern Region cup and the next year the JLMC cup.

Over the past five years in league competition they have lost only four games and drawn three.

Pictured below, back row from left: T. Boyd, M. Theobald, P. Schreiner, G. Harris, A. Griffin, I. Hogg, S. Cowan, (Coach), S. Phillips.

Front row from left: J. Phillips, S. Harris, S. Howd, M. Banks, S. Whittley, D. Cameron.



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The Metro Scene with LES SHORROCK

Albion Rovers, standing, from left: Joe Dockerty, Albert Harrison, Alan Quinn, George Maikousis, Alan Lenders, Kevin Wichelow, Jim Oliver, Eddy Sierokowski, Bill McArthur (coach), Ken Ashton (masseur). Front: Serge Tribuzio, Jim Johnstone, Gordon Bentley, Billy Rae, Jim Daperis, Mick D'Silva. Picture by BERNIE WASLIN.

GULLY GREATS

GREEN GULLY 1 (Grady), ALTONA CITY 0.

GREEN GULLY AJAX: Mick Borg, Thompson, T. Banagan, Mario Borg, Berens, P. Banagan, M. Klimczek, M. Banagan, Collins, Cole, Grady, Segi, Spiteri.

ALTONA CITY: van der Poel, McGarrigle, Seenan, H. Gramsbergen, Murray, Ackers, Davidson, A. Seenan, Little, Waters, Hunt, Cooper.

Altona went into action from the very start as though it was determined to gain one victory over Green Gully this season.

Within six minutes **Albert Seenan** had a golden opportunity, but shot straight at **Mick Borg**, Green Gully's very much underrated keeper, who doesn't miss much.

Green Gully then got going and **Eddie Klimczek**, who brakes even later than Jack Brabham, was booked by referee **Jack Readshaw** for flattening **Hans van der Poel** in the Altona goal.

The game got a bit willing, with **Mario Borg** also being booked, and this pointed up the wisdom of giving the game to a ref. like **Readshaw** who isn't easily intimidated. With some referees I've seen lately, this could have finished up a five a side!

The most pleasing aspect of the first half must have been the steadiness shown at the back by young **Stewart McGarrigle**, and the display up front of **Alan Davidson**. Just the same, Altona should have gone in at least two up.

Green Gully started off the second half in whirlwind fashion, and the half was only two minutes old when **Roy Collins** ran to a ball in the box and hammered it over the bar. It was end to end stuff, as **George Waters** in turn shot too high, and then **Collins** made a good opening for **Klimczek**, but he was unable to get a shot in. A fierce drive by **Terry Banagan**, when he connected with a good **John Grady** cross, showed that Green Gully was getting the upper hand, and **Joe Wilson** must have thought so too, for he brought off **John Hunt** and replaced him with **Dave Cooper**. **Cooper** soon made his presence felt, with a couple of shrewd passes, but the tide was starting to run against Altona and **Mick Banagan** nearly worked his way through, but was stopped by **van der Poel** at the expense of a corner. Altona survived that, and came back and **Borg** saved well from young **Davidson**.

A good through ball from **Mick Banagan** sent **John Grady** racing away with only **McGarrigle** to beat, but the boy kept his head remarkably well and saved the situation.

The pace remained a cracker, and **Cooper** and **Little** continued well with **Little** running into the box but firingwide.

Green Gully brought on **Andy Segi** for **Klimczek** and another smart through ball from **Mick Banagan** just beat **Segi** over the line. **Alan Davidson** had a great chance to break the deadlock but **Borg** saved his shot well.

Green Gully then replaced **Roy Collins** with **Manny Spiteri** and Altona sought **Serge Karbanienko** for **Albert Seenan**. The game had just entered the last 15 minutes when Green Gully got the match winner, and it was a beauty.

Terry Banagan, overlapping, picked up a ball down the right flank, and crossed it hard, and head height, and **John Grady** coming in fast, headed it past **van der Poel** who had no chance.

Gordon Bentley of Albion scores against Brighton goalkeeper Jim Bryden. Picture by BERNIE WASLIN.

ALBION'S DAY

ALBION ROVERS 6 (Tribuzio, Makousis pen, McCaig o.g., Whichelow, Bentley, Rae), BRIGHTON 2 (Gorrie 2).

ALBION ROVERS: Oliver, Rae, Harrison, Makousis, Johnstone, Daperis, Quin, D'Silva, Bentley, Tribuzio, Whichelow, Lenders.

BRIGHTON: Bryden, Gapper, Mercoulia, McCaig, McDonald, Shedden, Williams, Collinson, Avent, Gorrie, Coleman.

Albion attacked from thestart and **Jim Bryden** in the Brighton goal did well to hang onto a cross under pressure. Then **Alan Quin** worked his way forward cleverly, putting **Kevin Whichelow** away, but the wingers shot wide. Brighton steadied and came forward with **Dave Gorrie** and **Jim Williams** combining well, but **Peter Avent** was blocked for a shot. Albion had a fight when a good lob by **Matt McCaig** caused a misunderstanding, and **George Makousis** headed just past his own goal. Albion came back strongly and an inswinging corner had **Bryden** palming the ball away desperately. **Gordon Bentley** should have scored, but he skied the ball over the bar.

A promising run by **Jim Williams** ended when he was impeded, and **Don Gapper's** good free-kick was scrambled away by Albion.

Just as it seemed that Brighton was holding its own, Albion scored twice in two minutes.

Firstly, an intended back pass by **Steve Collinson** went horribly astray, and as **Bentley** crossed the ball, the unmarked **Serge Tribuzio** was able to place it with his head past **Bryden**. Then straight away **Jim Johnstone's** centre went right across the face of goal to **Mick D'Silva** who cut the ball back sharply into the path of **Matt McCaig** who was unfortunate enough to turn the ball into his own net.

To their credit, Brighton didn't get rattled at this juncture, and five minutes later hit back with a great goal by **Dave Gorrie**. But Albion had the smell of victory in their nostrils, and was pressing Brighton hard when **McCaig** hand-balled in the box. **George Makousis** converted easily to make it 3-1 and a little later **Kevin Whichelow** made it 4-1 for a leader at half time.

In the second half, Albion seemed content to rest its lead and Brighton came back more into the game, but Albion added further goals through **Billy Rae** and **Gordon Bentley** and **Dave Gorrie** got a consolation goal for Brighton.

A POOR SHOW!

By LES SHORROCK

George Cross reserves duly won the Armstrong Cup on Sunday, but their manner of winning it reflects no credit on the club and indeed makes a farce of the competition.

The Harry Armstrong Cup came into being as a prize to be played for by reserve sides of clubs engaged in the Dockerty Cup and it was never envisaged that it would be won by a team fielding half a dozen regular first team players. In George Cross' case, we have now reached the anomalistic situation where George Cross could win the State League Cup with a team including up to six Armstrong Cup medal winners who would feel slighted if they were referred to as reserves! I wonder how the members of the usual reserve team feel about it.

Of course it has been tried before by other clubs and the rule does exist that bars a player who has played in the Dockerty Cup from playing in the Armstrong Cup in the same season and if the Dockerty Cup starts before the Armstrong, that would seem to cover all contingencies. But what was overlooked this year was that under the new format of the Dockerty Cup, where the first round was playued before the commencement of the League season, a State League club could be eliminated in that round and still have time to recruit a whole new team eligible to play in the Armstrong.

It won't happen again, though, for the Federation has in mind a simple rule that players who have played a certain number of first team games will be ineligible for the Reserve Cup. It won't be easy to administer and will cause more work, but if clubs are not prepared to be sportsmanlike and adhere to the spirit of the game then they have to be legislated against.

Meanwhile, my commiserations to those clubs who observed the niceties and didn't cheat, like Albion Rovers who fielded two 14-year-olds and two 15-year-olds against George Cross in the semi-final and of course lost . . . but with honor.

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YEARLY TALKS

The annual general meeting of the Victorian Industrial League will be at the Australian Model Railway Association hall, Wills Street, Glen Iris, on Monday, October 25, at 7.30pm.

The Victorian Junior League annual meeting is at the Olympia Room, Swan Street, Richmond, on Thursday, October 14, at

DOVES CAUSE AN UPSET

The Federation Cup, like cup matches all over the world, produced one shock result when the powerful Essendon Lions combination succumbed to Doveton in Saturday's quarter final. Lions, who were beaten 1-0 by Polonia in the Dockerty Cup semi-final, went to Doveton full of confidence & rested **Hugh Gunn**, **George Train** and **Nick Kuzmanov**. They were unable to penetrate a stout Doveton defence, but eventually were awarded a penalty which **Branko Culina** converted, and went in at half-time one up.

Doveton struck back with the second half only four minutes old, when **Brian Roderick** scored from an acute angle, and five minutes later **Ian Smith** scored the winner in a goal-mouth scramble. So Doveton, who had a good run in the Cumberland Cup, too, now meet Springvale in the first semi-final at Altona on Saturday.

Best were **Billy Reiss**, **Brian Roderick** and **Martin Kingsley**.

Springvale won its game against Newport in the first half, and should have been 5-up by half time. As it was, it had to be content with a 2-0 lead, through a good header from **Stewart Adam** and then a brilliant solo effort from **Jackie Gollan**. Springvale faded badly in the second term, and Newport snatched one back with 15 minutes to go when **Richard Sobczyk** headed home a **Mike Olinowski** free kick.

The match could have gone to extra time if **Zenon Kolonowicz**'s header had gone in instead of hitting the crossbar. Best for Springvale were **Peter Mur**, **Stewart Adam** and **Jackie Gollan**. Newport's best were **Mike Olinowski** and **Henry Fzerniecki**.

So the semi-finals shape up, with two First Division sides opposed in one, and 2 Second Division teams in the other. The match between Springvale and Doveton is a real teaser, and could easily go to extra time. However, they were even in the League, each team winning at home, but cup-ties are different and I have a slight leaning towards Doveton.

The other game will be a beauty too. Albion Rovers ended the season in a winning vein, and of course Green Gully's only defeat was back on June 13 when Waverley City beat it 2-1. Although coach **Ian Petherick** tells me it had had enough of soccer, I think they will want to win this one, and emulate Preston's feat last year of winning the cup and league double.

Full of pride

Frankston will reappoint John Pryde as its senior coach at a committee meeting tonight (Wednesday).

Club officials met and made an agreement with Pryde on Saturday, and his appointment just has to be formally approved.

It will be his second year as coach.

Frankston vice-president Trevor Parry said: "We've had a bad history with coaches.

"We are now undertaking a review of playing staff, to see just what we need to do well in the State league next year.

"It's a great relief to us to be able to reappoint John so soon after the season is finished.

"He was an obvious choice, as everyone was very happy with him this year.

"We are now undertaking a review of playingstaff, to see just what we need to dowell in the State league next year.

"We will be looking towards the strength in our junior teams."

Pryde, in his early 30s, played as a winger this season, but is still undecided about his playing future.

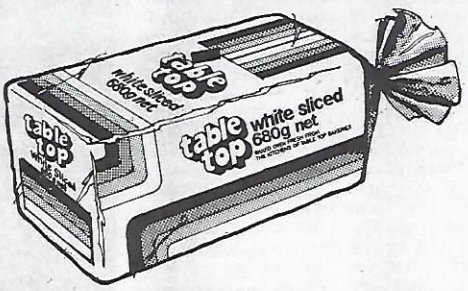
The former Hellas and Albion Rovers star is an expert with dead balls — specialising in free kicks and corners.

Frankston life member **Norm Stanley** has replaced Parry as secretary.

Local businessman **Barry Faulkner** has been elected to the committee.

The club will soon meet with the council to review developments on the new complex — McLelland Drive — which is planned to be in use by 1978.

Frankston's B grade team recently won the Langwarrin six-a-side tournament.



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Nikad Dockerty Cup nije lakše i bez manje uzbuđenja osvojen nego prošl nedelje. Osim borbenosti Polonija ništa drugo nije pokazala, što bi mogli oduzeti pobedu JUST-a. Jedino su uspeli ublažiti poraz.

Neumesne su kritike nekih navijača i sručnjaka da je J.U.S.T igrao anemično i sporo. Za veliku igru potreban je veliki protivnik. Sport je kao umetnost, ne blista bez inspiracije.

Čim se Palinkaš pojavio umesto Milisavljevića, bilo je jasno da će J.U.S.T. igrati ofanzivno. Tako je i bilo. Navala je stvorila dovoljno idealnih prilika, čak nije bila šeprdjava, ali je imala peh zbog samurajske hrabrosti poljske odbrane.

Kada Palinkaš, Picioane i Ristovski postanu iskusniji onda će se osetiti koliko Branko Buljević vredi. Ovako se on najviše sekira zbog njihovie neposlušnosti i Picioanovih "kerefeka". Nogomet je kolektivna igra, koja dozvoljava vragolije ako donese više koristi nego štete.

Ovog puta su JUST-u bila potrebna dva minuta da povede sa 1:0. Bio je to klasičan napad iz dubine. Skoro svaki igrač PLAVIH je dotakao loptu, dok se Palinkaš nije našao sam pred golom. Hladnokrvno je poslao loptu u mrežu pored nemoćne Polonijine odbrane.

Na drugi gol se dugo čekalo. Ali se isplatilo čekanje, jer je Branko Buljević postigao gol koji će se dugo pamtiti. Ometan, pod uglom i u punom trku nije dao priliku golmanu ni da trepne. Tako je na vreme pokopao ono malo optimizma u novinarskoj loži da Polonija može ipak pobediti ležernog JUST-a

Ako saberemo sve okolnosti, naročito da su se Jugosloveni odbili od nogometa zbog niza nemilih događaja u skoroj prošlosti, uspeh JUST-a je ogroman. Mnogi klubovi troše dva-tri puta više novaca na igrače, a pokazuju lošije rezultate. Od opštine čije ime nosi, J.U.S.T. je dobio samo prazna obećanja, iako na toj teritoriji dve trećine poreznika su Novi Australci. Sa našim parama veštački se održavaju par kriket i sličnih klubova, a gledališta im zvrje prazna.

Armstrong Kup za rezerve osvojio je u predigri zasluženo George Cross, pošto je pobedio Hellasa sa 2:0. Junak ove utakmice bio je naš Marko Fode, koji je zaslužan što poraz Hellasa nije bio daleko veći. Uzalud je Marko molio navijače Helasa prošlog petka da ne zaborave na rezervu, koja se isto tako bori za važan trofej. Ali svaka slava i zasluga brzo se zaboravljaju. Od Grka su došli samo oni koji imaju besplatne ulaznice. Šteta!

I JUNIORI DOBRO PROŠLI

Zaostale prvenstvene utakmice JUST-ovi juniori su rešili u svoju korist prošle nedelje.

Tim ispod 16 godina pobedio je Hakoaha sa 2:0. Strelci: Alex Cabrera i Senisina Petrov. Najzaslužniji za pobedu su bili Alex Cabrera, Vasko Stojčevski, Albert Amici i Dušan Marković.

Ispod 14 godina: J.U.S.T. — Hakoah 3:2. Strelci: Oscar Crino 2 i Zoran Dervusovski. Najbolji igrači: Oscar Crino, Zoran Trpčevski, Alex Amici i Zlatko Veljanoski.

PRIPREME ZA ŠPANIJU

Posle poraza sa Italijom pripreme Jugoslovena su dobile ozbiljniji tok. Odustalo se od namere da se igra bez "stranaca". Već je obezbeđen dolazak Oblaka i Popivode, a pomišlja se i na Džajića i Katalinskog. Važno je to, što je selektor Toplak odustao od eksperimenta i principa na vreme. Poraz sa Italijom je bio potrebna škola pred važan susret sa Španijom.

THREE SIDES WIN DOUBLE

Melbourne, Doncaster Rovers and Sunshine Heights each won two Victorian Cups in the junior finals at Wembley Park, Box Hill, at the weekend.

Doncaster under nines beat Albion Rovers 3-0, with goals by **Steve Rachoff**, **Bob Hall** and **Paul Spicer**.

Goalkeeper **John Rachoff** was awarded a trophy for his fine performance.

Coach of the under nines is well known **Alec Glennie**.

Doncaster's under sevens won the Cup by beating Bayswater 1-0 with a penalty scored by **Paul Martinucci** in the first half.

Chris O'Beirne was judged the best player and received a trophy.

Henry Gatt is coach of the under sevens.

Melbourne won the Cups in the under eight and under 12 sections.

Other Cups went to Waverley (under 13), Sunshine Heights (under 14, under 11), Polonia (Under 16), Keilor (under 15), Ringwood (under 10).

Polonia beat Frankston Pines 3-0 with two goals by **Paul Maligeorges**, and **Paul Petridis** scored one.

Player of the match was Polonia left back **Andrew Esposito**.

He received a pair of boots as his prize.

Two Frankston Pines players — **David Ferris** and **Drew Kenna** — each received encouragement awards in the form of double passes to see the film "Stubby" at the Palais Theatre, St Kilda.

Other good players were, Polonia: Jim Algefski, John Vathis, Charlie Yankos and Frank Kuczynski; Frankston Pines: Terry McMurphy, Craig McPherson, Graham Shepperd.

The best player of every game received a pair of Simlam boots. Kingston Promotions supplied trophies for the runner-up teams.

Presentations were made by Fred Villiers (Observer and HSV 7), George Wallace (VSF), Dave Fairbairn (JLMC), Ron Smith (State coaching director), Laurie Schwab (Soccer Action), Bill Allison (coach), Peter Sweeney (Soccer Action), Ann Jensen (JLMC), Lola Johnson (JLMC) and Vic Manson (VSF).

A. O'Neill scored the goal in Ringwood City's 1-0 victory over Juventus in the under 10 section. That's Ringwood pictured above.

Under 8 Cup winner Melbourne, which beat Bayswater 6-5 on penalties after a scoreless game.

Polonia, winner of the under 16 Cup. Polonia beat Frankston Pines 3-0 with two goals by Maligeorgos and one by Petridis.

The proud Sunshine Heights under 11 team, which had a narrow 1-0 victory over Sunshine City. The winning goal came from R. D'Antonio.

The Doncaster team which won the under 9 Cup by beating Albion Rovers 3-0 with goals by S. Rachoff (2) and R. Hall.

Waverley City, which beat Coburg 2-0 with goals by Savage and Loh in the under 13 Cup final.

Sunshine Heights under 14s, conquerors of Juventus, 2-0. Goalscorers were D. Hayden and S. Mamo.

The victorious under 12 team from Melbourne. It beat Nunawading 3-4 with goals by Gordon Livingstone, David Naday, Michael Petersen and Andrea Zinni. Nunawading's scorers were E. Pahljina (2) and P. Burley.

Five-a-side soccer

From page one.

Section 'B': Mooroolbark United, Makedonia, Hakoah, Essendon Lions.

Section 'C': George Cross, Slavia, Polonia, Frankston.

Section 'D': Alexander, Ringwood City, Green Gully Ajax, Box Hill.

Thursday, October 14: 1st game, George Cross v Prahran; 2nd game, Green Gully v Box Hill; 3rd game, Alexander v Ringwood; 4th game, Juventus v Altona; 5th game, Hakoah v Essendon Lions; 6th game, Polonia v Frankston; 7th game, Mooroolbark v Makedonia; 8th game, Hellas v Sunshine.

Thursday, October 21: 1st game, Mooroolbark v Hakoah; 2nd game, Slavia v Frankston; 3rd game, Alexander v Green Gully; 4th game, Hellas v Juventus; 5th game, Sunshine v Altona; 6th game, Green Gully v Polonia; 7th game, Ringwood City v Box Hill; 8th game, Makedonia v Essendon Lions.

Thursday, October 28: 1st game, Sunshine v Juventus; 2nd game, Makedonia v Hakoah; 3rd game, George Cross v Frankston; 4th game, Ringwood City v Green Gully; 5th game, Hellas v Altona; 6th game, Slavia v Polonia; 7th game, Alexander v Box Hill; 8th game, Mooroolbark v Essendon Lions.

FINALS NIGHT — November 4:

1st semi-final: winner of Section 'A' v winner of Section 'B'.

2nd semi-final: winner of Section 'C' v winner of Section 'D'.

Women's challenge five-a-side match: Greensborough v Green Gully.

Final: winner of 1st semi-final v winner of 2nd semi-final.

KAZ SAYS THANKS

Keilor City player **Kaz Klain** has asked "Soccer Action" to relay his thanks to the players of Sunshine City for the kindness they showed him during his recent illness.

The players collected money for Klain, who played for Sunshine last year, and visited him in hospital.

"The boys were really tremendous," Klain said. "I can't thank them enough.

Klain's wife, **Maureen** was also in hospital recently — to give birth to their son, **Sean Michael.**

BIG CLASH

Greece will play against Hungary in Athens on October 9 in their World Cup Group Nine qualifying match.

The group also includes the Soviet Union.

MILAN

AC Milan of Italy beat Dinamo Bucharest of Romania 2-1 in their (UEFA) Cup first round second - leg match. Half time score was 1-1.

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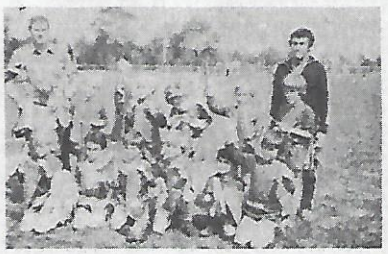

It's Doncaster "A" under sevens, who beat Bayswater 1-0 with a goal by P. Martinucci.

The Keilor team which beat Sunshine Heights 1-0 to win the under 15 cup. Pavlovic was the scorer.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS — IN ITALIAN

The Palace Theatre, Bourke Street, has embarked on a program to bring quality family movies, spoken in Italian, to Melbourne's Italian community.

Cecil D. B. Mille's "The Ten Commandments".

Other films in the Italian language to be shown are "The Sting", "Spartacus" and "Great Caruso".

PETER SWEENEY looks at the Victorian Metropolitan, Provisional and District Leagues.

BRODY HAS A BIG YEAR

Fourth division club Broadmeadows had its greatest ever season in senior soccer.

Broadmeadows led second placed Essendon by seven points, finished top in the reserves, thirds, under 20s and ladies division two section.

This completed a clean sweep in all senior leagues.

The club moved to a new headquarters in King Street, Broadmeadows at the start of the season. The ground — Laura Douglas Reserve — was leased by the Broadmeadows Council, who have backed the club and intend to further improve the area with another two soccer pitches planned.

The pavilion compares with the best in the Metropolitan and includes spacious changing rooms and showers, a canteen, first aid room, committee and store rooms. The club shares the facilities with the local little aths association.

Broadmeadows has also introduced a club magazine issued at all home games, and crammed with reports and club news to keep supporters well informed on what's going on.

The club has a hardworking committee headed by Charlie Belli, a man who really lives, eats and sleeps soccer.

These are the men that brought Broady success:-

Alderson Ron: Fullback. Dogged by injury in the latter part of the season. Hard but fair tackler and accurate kicker in dead ball situations. His quick thinking has often turned defence into attack. 13 appearances. 4 goals.

Deguara Charlie: Pint-sized midfielder bought from George Cross Courage early in the season. Buzzes around in midfield like a bee and his honest endeavor has earned a good number of votes from the referees in the best and fairest award. Despite his small build gets tremendous height in his jump. Age 23. 19 appearances, 1 goal.

Gafa Laurie: Striker who has shared the scoring responsibility with Tony Scicluna. Was top scorer in 1973 and 1975 and his 10 goals this season have also had him riding high in the scoring charts. A dedicated clubman, he occupies the important position of treasurer on the club committee. Age 34. 21 appearances.

Gatt Andy: Defender. Valuable member of the first team squad who has been with the club 12 years. Has filled in capably for Ron Alderson and also performed well when playing in the middle of the defence. Club committee member and editor of the club magazine. Age 30. 10 appearances.

Gatt Charlie: Fullback with good defensive ability who seeks every opportunity to go forward. His deep crosses into opposing penalty areas have caused many a dangerous situation. Is a fluent speaker and has earned respect in players' rep. position. Product of the club's juniors, Younger brother to Andy. Age 25. 20 appearances.

Nikolovski Cane: Solidly built defender with the toughness to run through a brick wall. Uses his sprinting ability for foraging runs upfield. Team's penalty taker. Age 23. 15 appearances. 3 goals.

O'Neill Jim: Right winger. Youngster with a lot of potential. His long strides make him a terror to fullbacks and a treat to watch. Has also performed well when playing in midfield. Good reader of the game. Age 20. 11 appearances. 2 goals.

Page Dennis: Goalkeeper. The only ever present this season with 22 appearances. His clean handling makes his saves look easy but has worked hard at training to attain his standard. Has been with the club six years. Age 22.

Sacco Eddie: Centre half. Team captain with a ton of experience. His career in Australia spans almost 20 years. Played for Coburg, George Cross (12 years), and Essendon City before coming out of retirement to join the club. Now intends to retire for the second time at the end of the season. Occupies team manager position. Age 40. Appearances 21.

Sacco Martin: Fiery midfield terrier who thrives on work. Possesses good ball control and his solo effort goal against Sandringham rates among the best of the season. Took over as coach of the U-16 team midway through the season. Club's best and fairest 1975. Age 21. 21 appearances. 3 goals.

Scicluna Anthony: Defender. Reserve player who performed creditably in his two outings for the seniors. Proves yet again Broadmeadows strength in depth.

Scicluna Tony: Club top-scorer, who made a big impact after an indifferent start to the season. Has the ability to take men on and beat them with dazzling skills. Bought from George Cross Courage at the start of the season. Age: 23. 17 appearances. 15 goals.

Scinto Sam: 25 year old left winger who came to the club from Green Gully. Possesses great speed off the mark and his dashes down the left flank have enabled him to create havoc among many defences with pinpoint crosses from the byline. 20 appearances. 10 goals.

Simpson Bob: Blond defender equally at home as a central defender or a full back, who gave a good account of himself when playing in the seniors and kept the back four on their toes with good performances in the reserves through the season. Age 31. 5 appearances.

Vella Charlie: Used as a right winger for most of the season but is at his best when playing in midfield coming forward. Bought from George Cross Courage this season with Deguara and Tony Scicluna. Cousin to Dennis Page and Martin Sacco. Age 23. 21 appearances. 4 goals.

THE COACH: Don Jordan came to Australia in 1956 and spent the major part of his playing career with South Melbourne United. His baptism in coaching was with Goodyear in the Industrial League and he came to Broadmeadows two years ago. Born in Scotland, he is a great believer in attacking soccer and his 4-3-3 system has brought goals and success this year. He is well respected by the players and has the full backing of the committee. He does not believe in standing still either and is already preparing to have a good stab at the Third Division Championship.

Goalscorers List

SCICLUNA, T	15
SCINTO	11
GAFFA	10
ALDERSON R, VELLA	4
NIKOLOVSKI, SACCO, M	3
O'NEILL	2
DEGUARA	1

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SENIORS

D. Owen	16
A. Stephen	6
S. Gregory	5
P. Crawford	2
S. Thomas	2
J. Brown	1
P. Partridge	1

RESERVES

M. Marmo	8
J. Hamill	7
M. Guarnieri	6
P. Crawford	3
J. Harland	3
J. Bris	2
C. Senese	2
B. Barlow	1
H. Barnett	1
I. Lataric	1
P. Partridge	1
I. Rigg	1
C. Rosa	1
C. Varga	1

GEELONG

FIRSTS

J. Robertson	20
G. Barth	18
K. Prior	12
J. Warnock	5
G. Vermeulen	5
A. Ogilvy	3
K. Meadows	2
C. Hardy	1
R. Hardy	1
A. McKim	1
A. Milne	1

RESERVES

A. Cooper	16
P. Matulich	14
N. Cooper	9
N. McKee	8
A. McKim	5
A. Ogilvy	4
W. Carruthers	3
D. Breneiseris	3
W. Munro	3
G. Vermeulen	3
I. Buckham	2
D. Ogilvy	2
I. Dulic	1
M. Green	1

YALLOURN

Charlie Cassar	13
Rod Gay	7
Podge Walker	4
Gary Caralan	3
Paul Tanti	2
John Reddrix	2
Andrew Lord	1
Paul Collins	1
Gary Douglas	1
Neil Lawson	1

CORIO

J. Malesic	13
E. Radojevic	4
M. Sangil	4
J. Newell	3
F. van Someren	2
G. Paget	2
G. Kitanovski	2
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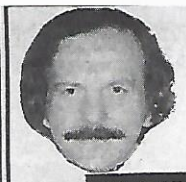

PETER GEORGIOU of the 'Hellenic Herald'

ΦΙΛΑΘΛΟΙ ΚΑΙ— ΜΠΥΡΟ - ΒΟΛΑ

Σπάνιες εἶναι οἱ φορὲς πού οἱ "Ελληνες φίλαθλοι δημιουργοῦν ἐπεισόδια μέσα στὰ γήπεδα. Συνήθως εἴχαμε τὴν εὐχαρίστηση νὰ διαβάζουμε γιὰ ἐπεισόδια πού δημιουργοῦν φίλαθλοι ἄλλων ἐθνικοτήτων. Τὴν περασμένη Παρασκευὴ ὅμως, μερικοὶ ἀπὸ τούς "Ελληνες —δὲν πρόκειται νὰ τούς ὀνομάσω φιλάθλους— θέλησαν κι αὐτοί νὰ μποῦν στὸν χορὸ τῶν κανιβάλων, ὄχι τίποτε ἄλλο, ἀλλὰ νὰ μή νομίσουν οἱ ἄλλοι ὅτι ἐμεῖς δὲν ξέρουμε νὰ φερθοῦμε..... ἀπρεπῶς μέσα στὸ γήπεδο. Σὰ νὰ μὴν ἔφθανε ἡ ἀντιαθλητική συμπεριφορὰ τῶν Χάρρις καὶ "Αρμστρονγκ μέσα στὸ γήπεδο, ὡρισμένοι ἄρχισαν νὰ πετοῦν στὸν παίκτη γεμάτα κουτιά μπύρας καὶ ἀναψυκτικῶν.

Εὐτυχῶς κανένα ἀπὸ αὐτὰ δὲν κτύπησε τὸν παίκτη. Θὰ μποροῦσε ὅμως νὰ χτυπήση ἕναν ἀστυνομικό ἢ κάποιον ἄλλον φίλαθλο ὁ ὁποῖος δὲν πῆγε στὸ γήπεδο γιὰ κανιβαλισμούς ἀλλὰ, γιὰ νὰ παρακολουθήση τὸν ἀγῶνα.

Δὲν ὑπῆρχε κανένας λόγος νὰ φθάσουν στὰ ἄκρα. Συμφωνῶ ὅτι ὁ Χάρρις μὲ τὴν χειρονομία του προσέβαλε πρῶτον τὸν ἑαυτό του καὶ κατάπιν ἐξαγρίωσε τούς φανατισμένους. Τὰ μπυρο-βόλα ὅμως μόνον τραυματισμούς ἀθώων θὰ μποροῦσε νὰ προκαλέσουν.

Προσπαθοῦμε μὲ κάθε τρόπο σὲ συνεργασία μὲ τὰ σωματεῖα νὰ πείσουμε αὐτούς πού πολεμοῦν τὸ ποδόσφαιρο ὅτι μόνον στὸ «Φούτυ» συμβαίνουν τέτοια πράγματα, ἀλλὰ καὶ ἂν σὲ μεμονωμένες περιπτώσεις συμβαίνουν στὸ ποδόσφαιρο, ὁπωσδήποτε οἱ "Ελληνες φίλαθλοι εἶναι ἔξω ἀπὸ κάθε τέτοια ἐνέργεια.

Δὲν θέλουν καὶ πολύ οἱ φανατικοί τοῦ «Φούτυ» νὰ μᾶς ἀφιερώσουν καὶ πάλι ὅλο σέλιδο ρεπορτάζ γιὰ τὴν... βαρβαρότητά μας ,αἱ ἄλλα αἰσθήματα τὰ ὁποῖα διέπουν τούς ὡρισμένους πού ἔχουν τὸ θράσσος νὰ ἀποκαλοῦν τὸν ἑαυτό τους «φίλαθλο».

Τὸ ποδόσφαιρο δὲν χρειάζεται τέτοιους κατήγορους οὔτε ὅμως χρειάζεται καὶ κανίβαλους πού δίνουν ἀφορμή γιὰ πικρόλογα σχόλια. Περισσότερο δὲ, δὲν τούς χρειάζονται οἱ "Ελληνικὲς ὁμάδες τώρα πού ἑτοιμάζονται γιὰ τὴν πιὸ κρίσιμη περίοδο τῆς ἱστορίας τους, τὸ 1ο ἐθνικό πρωτάθλημα.

Εἶναι δὲ γνωστὸ σὲ ὅλους ὅτι τὰ σωματεῖα δὲν μποροῦν νὰ «νοικιάσουν», ὁλόκληρη τὴν ἀστυνομική δύναμη τῆς Βικτωρίας γιὰ νὰ ἐπιτηροῦν ὡρισμένους ἀνόητους. Οὔτε οἱ ἴδιοι οἱ σύμβολοι μποροῦν νὰ κάνουν τὸν χωροφύλακα στὶς κερκίδες.

Αὐτοί πού μποροῦν νὰ σταματήσουν τούς ταραχοποιούς εἶναι οἱ ἴδιοι οἱ φίλαθλοι. Οἱ γνήσιοι φίλαθλοι οἱ ὁποῖοι ἔρχονται στὸ γήπεδο γιὰ νὰ δοῦν τὴν ὁμάδα τους ν' ἀγωνίζεται, νὰ φωνάζουν ὑπὲρ αὐτῆς γιὰ νὰ τὴν ἐνθαρρύνουν, νὰ χειροκροτήσουν μιὰ καλή προσπάθεια τῶν παικτῶν καὶ γενικὰ νὰ δημιουργήσουν μιὰ πολιτισμένη, φίλαθλη ἀτμόσφαιρα. Μόνον αὐτοί μποροῦν μὲ τὸν τρόπο τους νὰ ἐπιβληθοῦν στούς εὐτυχῶς λίγους ἠλίθιους οἱ ὁποῖοι νομίζουν θὰ γίνουν ἀντιληπτοί ἀπὸ ὅλους μόνον ὅταν πετάξουν γεμάτα κουτιά μὲ μπύρα καὶ τραυματίσουν κάποιον.

Σ' ἕναν ἐπίσημο ἀγῶνα μιὰ τέτοια ἐνέργεια μπορεῖ νὰ ἔχη ὡς ἀποτέλεσμα τὸν μηδενισμὸ τῆς ὁμάδος. Καὶ οἱ μερικοί ἀνόητοι πού ἀποβλέπουν σὲ κάτι τέτοιο δὲν ἔχουν θέση μέσα στὴν φίλαθλη οἰκογένεια ἀκόμη καί ἂν τυχαίνει νὰ εἶναι "Ελληνες.

Π. Γεωργίου

ROTHMANS MEDAL

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JOHN GRIMSEY (Polonia)

Polonia's John Grimsey believes Jim Tansey will complete a double by winning the ROTHMANS Medal.

Tansey has already been crowned with the Bill Fleming Medal.

Grimsey said: "Jim Tansey always looks good and he has been an extremely consistent player all year.

"There's no doubt at all — he is the steadying influence in his side's defence, which would not nearly be as good without Tansey.

"He is such a casual type of governing player."

Grimsey's next vote favors George Cross leader **Ken Wagstaff.**

He said: "Wagstaff has done a great job since coming here.

"He has taken George Cross from near the bottom into the top four and that's a great effort.

"And he has been playing really good soccer himself."

Grimsey expects two of Victoria's and Australia's greatest ever players in **Jim Mackay** and **Branko Buljevic** to poll well.

He said: "Mackay is a consistent and steady player and that Buljevic is still not in the Australian side is amazing.

"He is the best left winger I have ever seen."

John Grimsey picks:

3. JIM TANSEY
2. KEN WAGSTAFF
1. JIM MACKAY

NO COMMENT

Two State League coaches — Makedonia's Mike de Bruyckere and South Melbourne Hellas' Manny Poulakakis — refused to comment on the three best chances in the Rothmans Medal.

Both de Bruyckere and Poulakakis said that they had taken over as coach at their clubs midway through the season and had had the chance to see players from other clubs play only once.

They did not believe they could make an accurate and sensible prediction of who would top the voting.

George Cross coach **Ken Wagstaff** was not available for comment.

Wagstaff had already left for England, where he will stay for about a week.

He will be back for his side's State League Cup matches.

Back (L to R): Stan Slazyk (secretary), Martin Sacco, Campbell Wight, Cane Nikolovski, Steve Drangoski, Ron Alderson, Tony Scicluna, Mick Skitt, Sam Scinto, Tony Scari (first aid).
Sitting (L to R): Lewis Sacco (reserves coach), Laurie Gafa, Jim O'Neill, Charlie Belli (president), Charlie Vella, Bob Simpson, Don Jordan (coach).
Front (L to R): Charlie Gatt, Dennis Pace, Andy Gatt, Charlie Deguara.

HE'S BETTER WITH AGE

There's an old adage — the older you get, the better you get.

This is certainly true in the case of Yallourn player **Paul Tanti.**

Tanti, 39, has won his club's player of the year award.

The award was presented to Tanti at Yallourn's end of season ball held recently.

The club's best reserve player was won by **Graeme Wilson.**

Yallourn's trip away will be to Mount Gambier on October 15, 16 and 17.

During this time the club will play senior and reserve grade matches against two select sides from south east South Australia.

Yallourn fielded seven junior teams this year and all shared success.

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TOP SCORERS

Leading scorers in English football:

DIVISION ONE

10 — Andy Gray (Aston Villa).

7—Kenny Burns (Birmingham), Mick Ferguson (Coventry), Bob Latchford (Everton), Dennis Tueart (Manchester City).

6 — Stuart Pearson (Manchester United).

5 — Tony Brown (West Bromwich Albion), Ray Graydon (Aston Villa).

DIVISION TWO

10 — Derek Hales (Charlton).

9 — Dixie McNeil (Hereford).

8 — Bill Rafferty (Carlisle), Mick Walsh (Blackpool).

7 — Tony Evans (Cardiff), Paul Mariner (Plymouth).

6 — Steve Finnieston (Chelsea), Bobby Gould (Wolverhampton), Steve Taylor (Bolton).

DIVISION THREE

9 — Andy Rowland (Bury), Roger Wylde (Sheffield Wednesday).

8 — Terry Eccles (Mansfield), John Murray (Reading), Damien Richardson (Gillingham).

DIVISION FOUR

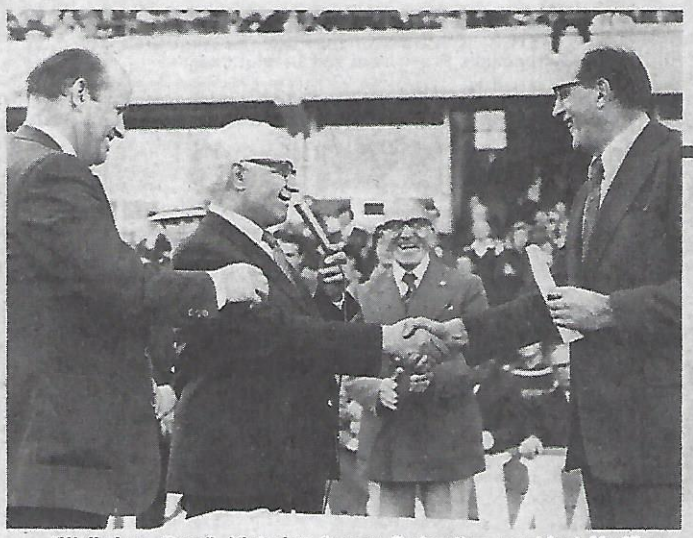
10 — Barney Daniels (Stockport).

8 — Colin Garwood (Colchester).

7 — Alan Beer (Exeter), Tony Kellow (Exeter).

"It's ours". JUST captain and veteran Frank Micic and champion forward Joe Palinkas are all smiles as they hold the Dockerty Cup aloft after their side's 2-0 win over Polonia.

On the left, teammate Mendo Ristovski swings his medal in jubilation, while Olympic Park ground manager Albert Merrills nods approval.



"Well done Tony". Victorian Soccer Federation president Mr Theo Marmaras congratulates Footscray JUST president Mr Tony Kovac on his side's win, and presents him with a cheque.

Looking on are VSF secretary George Wallace and vice-president Tommy Burns.

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STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	14	5	3	39	22	33
Polonia	10	9	3	25	14	29
George Cross	10	7	5	34	21	27
Hellas	8	9	5	25	19	25
Sunshine	10	3	9	46	38	23
Juventus	9	4	9	31	30	22
Alexander	8	5	9	27	28	21
Slavia	7	6	9	28	30	20
Moorooibark	7	5	10	26	32	19
Ringwood	6	6	10	19	26	18
J.U.S.T.	5	6	11	21	32	16
Makedonia	3	5	14	15	44	11

THIRDS — SOUTH

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Caulfield City	17	2	1	83	32	36
Beveton	16	3	1	89	21	35
Clayton	13	2	5	79	32	28
Frankston Pines	12	1	7	50	49	25
Springvale City	10	1	9	58	40	21
Chelsea	10	1	9	60	52	21
Sandringham City	8	3	9	54	47	19
Moorabbin City	6	4	10	45	48	16
Brighton	6	1	13	38	57	13
Frankston City	2	0	18	13	31	4
Boronia	1	0	19	21	181	2

NORTH EASTERN LEAGUE

Preliminary finals:

Third grade: Cobram 2, Shepparton South 1.

Second grade: Shepparton South 2, Myrtleford 0.

First grade: Lemnos 1, Shepparton South 0.

Next week grand final at Deakin Reserve, Shepparton.

11 a.m. Third grade: Cobram v Tatura.

1 p.m. Second grade: Shepparton South v Cobram.

3 p.m. First grade: Cobram v Lemnos.

NSW

AMPOL CHAMPIONSHIP
SEMI-FINALS

FIRST GRADE: Marconi 2 (Sharne, Carrizo). Hakoah 0. At Sydney Sports Ground. Crowd: 2058.

RESERVE GRADE: Western Suburbs 4 (Taylor 2, Bonito-Devalle 2). Hakoah 2 (Coleman, Wilson).

THIRD GRADE: Marconi 3 (Connolly, Nutt, Milijic). St George 0.

OVERSEAS

AUSTRIA

Vienna 0, Sturm 0; GAK 3, Austria Salzburg 1.

SSW Innsbruck leads the table with 13 points, followed by Austria Salzburg and Voeest Linz, each 12.

GREECE

AEK 2, Panionios 0; Atromitos 1, Yannina 1; Olympiakos 4, Aris 3; Iraklis 1, Kastoria 1; Kavala 0, Paok 0; OFI 2, Panathinaikos 2; Panachaiki 2, Ethnikos 1; Panaitolikos 2, Apollon 1; Panserraikos 1, Pierikos 1.

WEST GERMANY

Borussia Dortmund 3, Bayern Munich 3; Fortuna Duesseldorf 3, Karlsruher SC 0; Eintracht Brunswick 1, FC Saarbruecken 0; Tennis Borussia Berlin 1, Hamburger SV 1; Eintracht Frankfurt 1, Borussia Moenchengladbach 3; Rot-Weiss Essen 1, MSV Duisburg 5; FC Cologne 2, Schalke 04 0; Werder Bremen 2, VFL Bochum 0; FC Kaiserslautern 0, Hertha BSC Berlin 2.

ITALY

Catanzaro 0, Napoli 0; Cesena 1, Fiorentina 2; Foggia 0, Inter 0; Genoa 2, Roma 2; Giazio 2, Juventus 3; Milan 2, Perugia 1; Torio 3, Sampdoria 1; Overona 3, Bologna 3.

HOLLAND

NAC Breda 3, Eindhoven 1; Ajax Amsterdam 1, VVV Venlo 0; Sparta Rotterdam 1, FC Twente Enschede 1; Den Haag 0, FC Utrecht 3; PSV Eindhoven 5, Telstar Velsen 2; Haarlem 0, Go Ahead Eagles 0; AZ 67 Alkmaar 1, Feyenoord Rotterdam 1; De Graafschap Doetinchem 1, FC Amsterdam 5; NEC Nijmegen 0, Roda JC Kerkrade 0.

Table after nine matches: 1. Feyenoord 15 points (23-7); 2. Roda JC 15 points (15-3); 3. Ajax 14 points; 4. Haarlem 12 points; 5. Sparta 11 points; 6. PSV 10 points.

SPAIN

Real Sociedad 3, Espanol 3; Celta 1, Elche 1; Valencia 2, Real Betis 2; Real Zaragoza 2, Las Palmas 1; Burgos 1, Racing 1; Savilla 1, Real Madrid 1; Hercules 1, Malaga 0; Barcelona 4, Salamanca 1; Atletico Madrid 2, Athletic Bilbao 1.

EAST GERMANY

Union Berlin 1, Sachsenring Zwickau 1; Lokomotiv Leipzig 0, Chemie Halle 0; Stahl Riesa 0, Dynamo Berlin 3; Rot-Weiss Erfurt 1, Frankfurt/Oder 2; Dynamo Dresden 1, Carl-Zeiss Jena 1; Hansa Rostock 2, Karl-Marx Stadt 0.

Dynamo Dresden leads the table on goal average from Dynamo Berlin, each with eight points from five games.

POLAND

Ruch Chorzow 2, LKS Lodz 5; Wisla Krakow 2, Odra Opole 0; Szombierki Bytom 2, Zaglebie Sosnowiec 0; Gornik Zabrze 2, ROW Rybnik 1; Slask Wroclaw 2, Legia Warsaw 1; Stal Mielec 2, Arka Gdynia 1; Widzew Lodz 1, Lech Poznan 0; Pogon Szczecin 3, GKS Tychy 1.

Leading positions: 1. LKS Lodz 13 points; 2. Stal Mielec 13; 3. Slask Wroclaw 13; 4. Pogon Szczecin 12.

AUSTRIA

Rapid 4, Lask 2; Voeest Linz 2, SSW Innsbruck 1; Admira Wacker 4, Austria/WAC 6.

SSW Innsbruck leads the table with 13 points, followed by Austria Salzburg and Voeest Linz with 12 and Rapid with 11.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Jednota Trencin 2, Bohemians Praha 0; Sklo Union Teplice 3, Inter Bratislava 2; Slovan Bratislava 4, Skoda Plzen 0; Dukla Praha 1, Banik Ostrava 0; Lokomotiva Kosice 3, Sparta Praha 0; Zbrojovka Brno 3, Spartak Trnava 0; VP Frydek Mistek 0, ZVL Zilina 1; Slavia Praha 5, VSS Kosice 0.

TURKEY

Besiktas 2, Orduspor 0; Adanaspor 0, Trabzonspor 2; Fenerbahca 1, Gaztepa 1; Altay 0, Galatasaray 0; Eskisehirspor 1, Zonguldakspor 0; Giresunspor 0, Samsunspor 0; Mersin Idmanyurdu 2, Bolusper 2; Bursaspor 3, Adana Demirspor 0.

HUNGARY

Ferencvaros 3, Ujpest Dozsa 0; TKXVM 3, Honved 0; Haladas 4, Videoton 0; Zalaegerszeg 3, Vasas 0; Raxa Eto 0, Diosgyor 1; Bekescsaba 1, Salgotarjax 0; Csepel 1, Kaposvar 2; Dorog 1, Szeged 1; Tatabanya 2, Xunsujvaros 0.

Ferencvaros heads the table with 16 points, followed by Ujpest Dozsa 16 and Haladas 11.

PORTUGAL

Varzim 1, Porto 0; Setubal 2, Benfica 1; Atletico 1, Montijo 0; Sporting 4, Beira Mar 0; Academico 2, Guimaraes 1; Boavista 0, Belenenses 1; Estoril 2, Portimonense 0; Braga 0, Leixoes 0.

Overall classification after five matches: Sporting 10 points, Varzim 7, Porto 6, Braga 6, Esteril 6, Academico 6, Setubal 6, Boavista 4, Beira Mar 4, Benfica 4, Guimaraes 4, Belenenses 4, Atletico 4, Montijo 3, Portimonense 3, and Leixoes 3 points.

FRANCE

Paris St German 2, St Etienne 0; Lyons 2, Valenciennes 0; Nancy 4, Metz 1; Reims 2, Bordeaux 1; Bastia 3, Troyes 0; Sochaux 1, Marseilles 2; Lille 1, Nantes 3; Rennes 1, Laval 3; Angers 3, Lens 2.

SWITZERLAND

Basle 4, Servette Geneva 1; Chenois Geneva 1, Sion 0; Grasshoppers Zurich 8, Bellinzona 2; Lausanne 5, St Gallen 0; Winterthur 1, Neuchatel Xamax 1; Young Boys Berne 1, Zurich 1.

BELGIUM

RWD Mienbeek 3, Beerschot 1; Winterslag 1, Anderlecht 2; Antwerp 1, Charleroi 0; FC Malinois 2, Courtrai 3; Wegerem 1, Beringen 0; AS Ostend 1, Lierse 3; XC Liege 1, FC Bruges 4; Beveren 1, Lokeren 1; CS Bruges 1, Standard Liege 1.

UNITED KINGDOM

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE: Arsenal 3, Queens Park Rangers 2; Birmingham 5, Derby 1; Bristol 1, Ipswich 2; Coventry 1, Leicester 1; Leeds 0, Manchester United 2; Liverpool 0, Middlesborough 0; Manchester City 4, West Ham 2; Norwich 3, Newcastle 2; Stoke 1, Aston Villa 0; Sunderland 0, Everton 1; West Bromwich Albion 4, Tottenham Hotspur 2.

DIVISION TWO: Bolton Wanderers 0, Blackpool 3; Carlisle 4, Charlton 2; Chelsea 2, Cardiff 1; Hereford 1, Wolverhampton 6; Hull 1, Nottingham Forest 0; Millwall 2, Bristol 1; Notts County 1, Oldham 0; Orient 0, Blackburn 1; Plymouth Argyle 1, Luton 0; Sheffield 1, Burnley 0; Southampton 4, Fulham 1.

DIVISION THREE: Brighton 1, Crystal Palace 1; Chester 2, Peterborough 1; Gillingham 2, Chesterfield 1; Lincoln 1, Sheffield 1; Mansfield 1; Lincoln 1, Sheffield 1; Mansfield 5, Bury 0; Oxford 1, Tranmere 1; Preston 4, York 2; Reading 4, Swindon 1; Rotherham 3, Grimsby 2; Shrewsbury 4, Portsmouth 1; Walsall 3, Port Vale 1.

DIVISION FOUR: Barnsley 2, Huddersfield 1; Bradford 3, Brentford 2; Cambridge 2, Southend 3; Darlington 2, Aldershot 1; Exeter 3, Crewe Alexandria 0; Newport 0, Torquay 0; Rothdale 0, Bournemouth 0; Scunthorpe 2, Hartlepool 0; Swansea 2, Southport 1; Watford 0, Halifax 0.

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION: Ayr 1, Rangers 1; Celtic 1, Hibernian 1; Dundee 2, Motherwell 0; Hearts 2, Kilmarnock 2; Partick Thistle 2, Aberdeen 2.

DIVISION ONE: Airdrieonians 0, Montrose 2; Arbroath 2, Queen of the South 0; Clydebank 2, East Fife 1; Hamilton 1, Falkirk 2; Morton 3, St Johnstone 1; Raith 1, Dumbarton 1; St Mirren 4, Dundee 0.

DIVISION TWO: Berwick 0, Queens Park 3; Brechin 1, Alloa 2; Dunfermline 2, Albion 1; Meadowbank 3, East Stirling 1; Stenhousemuir 2, Forfar 1; Stirling 3, Clyde 2; Stranraer 2, Cowdenbeath 0.

IRISH LEAGUE — ULSTER CUP: Ards 0, Linfield 3; Ballymena 0, Bangor 0; Cliftonville 2, Glenavon 1; Coleraine 1, Distillery 0; Larne 1, Glentoran 3; Portadown 6, Crusaders 0.

FRIDAY GAMES —

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE: Northampton 0, Wrexham 2.

DIVISION FOUR: Colchester 3, Workington 1; Stockport 2, Doncaster 1.

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manchester United	4	3	1	15	8	11
Manchester City	4	3	1	13	8	11
Liverpool	5	1	2	11	6	11
Middlesbrough	4	3	1	5	3	11
Everton	4	2	2	13	7	10
Arsenal	4	2	2	14	10	10
West Bromwich Albion	3	3	2	12	9	9
Ipswich Town	3	3	2	14	13	9
Leicester City	1	7	1	7	8	9
Stoke City	3	3	3	6	9	9
Aston Villa	4	0	4	15	9	8
Birmingham City	3	2	3	12	9	8
Newcastle United	2	4	2	11	10	8
Coventry City	3	2	3	11	11	8
Queens Park Rangers	3	2	3	11	13	8
Bristol City	2	3	3	9	9	7
Norwich City	2	2	4	6	11	6
Tottenham Hotspur	2	2	4	8	14	6
Leeds United	1	3	4	8	12	5
Derby County	0	5	3	7	14	5
West Ham United	1	3	4	6	14	5
Sunderland	0	4	4	5	12	4

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Chelsea	6	1	1	12	9	13
Wolverhampton Wanderers	4	3	1	20	6	11
Blackpool	5	0	3	15	8	10
Millwall	4	2	2	13	8	10
Bolton Wanderers	4	1	3	14	11	9
Hull City	3	3	2	11	9	9
Sheffield United	2	5	1	10	8	9
Fulham	3	3	2	12	11	9
Notts County	4	1	3	11	12	9
Oldham Athletic	3	3	2	9	10	9
Nottingham Forest	2	4	2	15	13	8
Bristol Rovers	3	2	3	9	9	8
Charlton Athletic	3	2	3	16	17	8
Carlisle United	3	2	3	13	17	8
Plymouth Argyle	2	3	3	13	13	7
Luton Town	3	1	4	11	13	7
Burnley	2	2	4	7	9	6
Blackburn Rovers	2	2	4	6	11	6
Hereford United	2	2	4	13	19	6
Cardiff City	2	1	5	10	14	5
Southampton	1	3	4	9	17	5
Orient	1	2	5	5	10	4

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Shrewsbury Town	5	2	1	19	9	12
Brighton and Hove Albion	5	2	1	19	10	12
Reading	5	2	2	16	10	12
Mansfield Town	5	1	2	16	7	11
Wrexham	5	1	2	16	7	11
Rotherham United	4	3	1	17	7	11
Gillingham	4	3	1	15	13	11
Lincoln City	3	4	1	12	6	10
Crystal Palace	4	2	2	8	5	10
Swindon Town	4	2	3	14	13	10
Bury	4	1	3	13	14	9
Preston North End	2	4	2	12	9	8
Sheffield Wednesday	2	4	2	12	13	8
Chester	3	2	3	7	9	8
Peterborough United	3	2	4	10	13	8
Oxford United	2	3	3	15	15	7
Walsall	2	2	4	10	12	6
Tranmere Rovers	2	2	4	7	9	6
Grimsby Town	2	1	5	9	16	5
York City	2	1	5	9	19	5
Northampton Town	1	2	5	4	11	4
Portsmouth	1	2	5	6	14	4
Port Vale	1	2	6	7	16	4
Chesterfield	1	2	5	5	18	4

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Stockport County	6	1	1	15	7	13
Bradford City	5	2	1	23	11	12
Cambridge United	4	2	2	15	7	10
Rochdale	3	4	1	9	6	10
Exeter City	4	2	2	14	12	10
Aldershot	4	2	2	11	9	10
Southend United	3	4	1	11	9	10
Bournemouth	3	4	1	9	7	10
Colchester United	4	1	3	13	9	9
Watford	4	1	3	14	12	9
Swansea City	3	3	3	2	12	15
Scunthorpe United	3	2	3	13	9	8
Barnsley	3	2	2	10	8	8
Huddersfield	3	2	3	8	8	8
Torquay United	2	3	2	7	6	7
Doncaster Rovers	2	3	3	12	13	7
Darlington	3	1	4	8	13	7
Newport County	2	2	4	4	7	6
Halifax Town	1	4	3	6	10	6
Crewe Alexandra	2	2	4	8	14	6
Brentford	1	3	4	9	11	5
Workington	1	3	4	6	13	5
Hartlepool	0	3	5	5	15	3
Southport	0	2	6	4	15	2

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

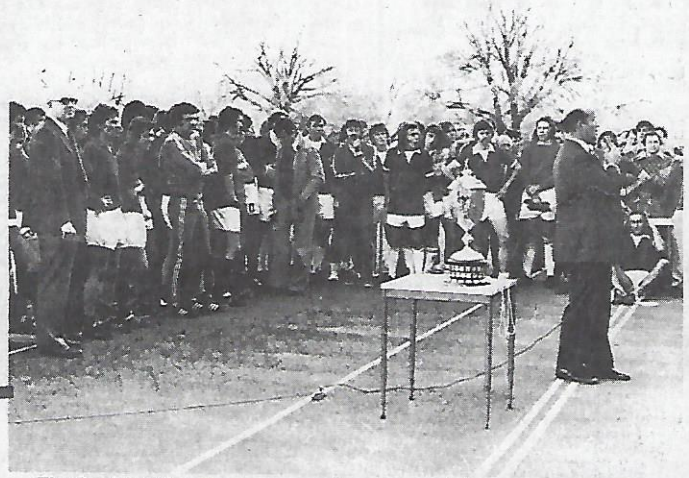
	W	D	L	F	A	P
Dundee United	5	0	0	11	3	10
Aberdeen	2	3	0	11	4	7
Rangers	1	4	0	8	6	6
Celtic	1	3	1	9	6	5
Motherwell	1	2	2	7	8	4
Hibernian	0	4	1	5	6	4
Partick Thistle	1	2	2	5	6	4
Hearts	0	4	1	8	10	4
Kilmarnock	0	3	2	3	9	3
Ayr United	1	1	3	5	14	3

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Clydebank	6	2	0	18	6	14
Dundee	5	3	1	24	15	13
St Mirren	5	2	1	17	7	12
Airdrieonians	4	3	1	16	10	11
Montrose	4	3	2	12	9	11
Morton	4	2	2	16	12	10
St Johnstone	3	2	4	10	12	8
Hamilton Academicals	3	2	4	15	20	8
Queen of the South	2	3	4	9	11	7
Arbroath	2	2	5	6	13	6
Dumbarton	2	1	5	10	14	5
East Fife	1	3	5	10	16	5
Falkirk	2	1	5	13	22	5
Raith Rovers	1	3	5	5	14	5

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Stranraer	7	0	2	19	8	14
Stirling Albion	5	2	1	16	8	12
Alloa	4	3	1	19	10	11
Queens Park	5	1	3	14	10	11
Cowdenbeath	4	3	1	8	5	11
East Stirling	3	4	2	13	11	10
Stenhousemuir	5	0	4	12	13	10
Meadowbank Thistle	1	5	2	9	9	7
Clyde	2	3	3	14	15	7
Dunfermline Athletic	2	3	4	10	13	7
Albion Rovers	1	4	2	11	13	6
Brechin City	0	5	4	8	16	5
Forfar Athletic	0	4	5	7	18	4
Berwick Rangers	0	3	5	4	15	3



The Dockerty Cup is over for another year, and players from Footscray JUST and runners-up Polonia mill around for the start of the medal presentation.

Star JUST striker Branko Buljevic gets set to pounce on this ball with one of his deadly headers.

However Buljevic, the scorer of one goal, was thwarted in this attempt